# Annex A: Science and Innovation Audits - Expressions of Interest form

Applicants should refer to the call for Expressions of Interest document before completing this form. It provides details of the criteria which will be used to assess the bids. The deadline for returning completed Expressions of Interest is **13 January 2017**.

Please e-mail completed expressions of interest to [ScienceInnovationAudits@beis.gov.uk](mailto:ScienceInnovationAudits@beis.gov.uk). You will receive an automatic reply to confirm receipt.

Respond to the questions using the text boxes provided. Boxes can be expanded to the required length. Annexes are permitted, although they should only contain relevant additional supporting documents and any key pieces of evidence should be summarised clearly.

**The completed document should not exceed 10 pages in length. The document must be in Arial size 12 font.**

Please email this application to [ScienceInnovationAudits@beis.gov.uk](mailto:ScienceInnovationAudits@beis.gov.uk). The deadline for this application to be received is 5pm on **13 January 2017**.

| Consortia Name |  |
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| Lead Organisation Name and Address (for official correspondence) |  |
| Main Contact Name (for day-to-day queries) |  |
| Direct Telephone Number |  |
| Email |  |

**Applicant Details:** (to be led by a single consortium member)

1. **Summary**: Give a half page summary of the vision for your consortium, which will be explored in more detail in subsequent questions.

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| This should include:   * its composition; * its sense of place; * the key questions you will seek to explore (linked to your hypothesis(es)); and * the impact you would like to achieve in terms of raising the global competiveness of your area.   **NB:** While the rest of this form will be treated in confidence you should draft this section in such a way so it could be used to publicise your SIA to stakeholders. It is intended that this summary will be used following the close of the 2nd wave to encourage join up between consortia partners. The name the lead organisation(s) will also be shared. |

1. **Consortium**: Describe in greater detail the composition of the consortium, its individual and collective strengths and synergies, and how it seeks to achieve critical mass through collaboration. You are welcome to annex supporting tables and diagrams.

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1. **Place**: Indicate how your consortium has thought about its sense of place and how it has formed its wider strategic alliances.

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| Within this you should:   * Discuss the linkages that are relevant to your hypotheses between your consortium, the wider region, and within the context of the rest of the UK; * Outline how you seek to partner with businesses a) in your Audit and b) in delivering the ambitions that you seek to explore though the audit.. * Describe how your bid meets the principles of Smart Specialisation and how the identified priorities align and link in with your local innovation plans, Strategic Economic Plans and local Smart Specialisation Strategy. Applications should reflect your identified Smart Specialisation priorities, or those in the process of being identified, and demonstrate how this process is supporting the realisation of these in practice. |

1. **Themes**: Describe one or more economic development hypotheses that the SIA would test. This would relate to the vision described in section 1 (see diagram within Call and Guidance document).

Within this you should:

* Show how you will identify and use entrepreneurial knowledge, defined as; a suite of knowledge that “combines and relates such knowledge about science, technology and engineering with knowledge of market growth potential, potential competitors as well as the whole set of inputs required for launching a new activity” (Foray 2015) to identify new discovery activities (R&D and Innovation) that complement your existing structures and assets.
* Indicate how the research demands of business are considered alongside the supply of commercializable research from providers.

1. **Leadership**: Describe how you propose to coordinate and champion your consortium and your capacity to resource your SIA in collaboration with the BEIS procured analytical contractor. Please refer to the SIA Methodology Guidelines fo Consortia document for information on methodology and the input you can expect from Technopolis.

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| Within this you should:   * describe how the consortium plans to resource and manage the Science & Innovation Audit within the timescales set out in the guidance; and * indicate you have commitment of consortium members to contribute to the significant effort involved in conducting a SIA. |

1. **Ambitions**: Indicate how you intend to make use of both the evidence and collaborative partnerships that result from the SIA for economic impact.

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| Within this you should:   * Consider the specific enablers of and barriers to achieving these ambitions |