

Call for Proposals: AAFC BioProducts AgSci Cluster 5-Year Funding Program 2018-2023

Bioindustrial Innovation Canada (BIC) is seeking proposals for research projects for consideration as part of the BioProducts AgSci Cluster under the next Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) policy framework (2018-2023).

The BioProducts AgSci Cluster is a nationally focused science and technology commercialization cluster under AAFC as part of their Agriscience policy framework initiative. The goal of the BioProducts AgSci Cluster is to create unique and growing opportunities for Canadian farmers and the agriculture sector. BIC envisions the projects within the Cluster as being defined by the following themes:

- 1) Bioproducts processing
- 2) New support for transformative industries
- 3) Environmental focus and/or combatting climate change
- 4) Support for existing agricultural commodities

Examples of project focus that fit the criteria include the following sub-areas:

- Biofuels & Bioenergy
- Biochemicals & Co-products
- Biomaterials & Biocomposites (incl. Biochar and bio-based soil amendments)
- Biopesticides
- Supply to Bioproducts (e.g. feedstocks, logistics)

As a requirement, projects are to have collaboration with an industry or other partner, with an anticipated 30-40% of funding to be provided by these partners. For proposals that do not currently have a collaboration partner, BIC will leverage its network to connect interested parties.

With the current cluster initiative framework nearing its conclusion, AAFC has been working closely with all clusters to modify and improve the administrative processes required as part of the program. This is to reduce the resource burden on the Cluster clients and streamline the overall program moving forward.

At this time, we request that project proposals submitted to BIC include a 2-page project synopsis, including summaries of technical details, market and commercialization potential, estimated timeline to market, a 5-year projection of annual funding required, and identification of collaborative support (if any). Proposals will be reviewed by BIC's Science Advisory Committee in conjunction with AAFC to determine inclusion in the final Cluster submission.

Proposals are due to BIC no later than March 31, 2017. For submissions and questions, please contact the undersigned.

With regards,



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