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# Sector Adoption Program

Timed calls for applications, up to \$1 million available per company consortium

## THE OPPORTUNITY

The **Sector Adoption Program** creates the opportunity for **company consortiums to innovate industry-transforming solutions** to a CIT challenge statement with up to \$1 million of OCI support.

## SME BENEFITS

- Opportunity for supported collaboration with industry leaders
- Create industry-transforming critical technology solutions
- Up to \$1 million from OCI
- Network development
- Ecosystem navigation support
- Publicity
- Strategic innovation partners
- Foster industrial innovation with widespread adoption of new product

## PROGRAM DETAILS

The Sector Adoption Program offers company consortiums the opportunity to collaborate on sector-transforming projects that address a CIT challenge statement.

Projects are eligible for up to \$1M in funding from OCI and can last up to 1 year.

Consortiums are made up of two mandatory components: 1 Ontario SME (lead applicant) and 1 Primary Partner (with market pull). Secondary Partners with strategic value-adds can be included to fill gaps and enable wide-scale adoption of the developed solution.



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## ELIGIBILITY

- Consortium must include 1 Lead Applicant and at least 1 Primary Partner with market pull.
- Lead applicant must be an Ontario-based for-profit Small-or-Medium Enterprise (<500 employees)
- Primary Partner does not need to be Ontario-based
- Solution must incorporate one of named Critical Technologies
- Funding to be matched 2:1 by consortium

## APPLICANT PROFILE

The Sector Adoption Program is suitable for company consortias with developed and/or commercialized critical technology solutions that address the CIT challenge statement, that are also equipped with strategic resources to drive widespread adoption of their solution.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

The first step is to contact an OCI Business Development Manager (BD) to determine project eligibility and program compatibility. See the Business Development Directory [here](#).

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| <b>1</b> Discussion with OCI Business Development Manager                | <b>4</b> Review Process (Internal/Committee/ External) |
| <b>2</b> Submission of Expression of Interest (initiated by BD Manager)  | <b>5</b> Presentation to Executive OCI Committee       |
| <b>3</b> Full Online Application (initiated and supported by BD Manager) | <b>6</b> Decision and next steps                       |

## CHALLENGE STATEMENT EXAMPLES

- Accelerating Home Construction
- Addressing Labour Challenges Within the Agri-Food Sector
- Supporting Safety in Mining
- Driving Improved Productivity for Ontario Manufacturers
- Advancing Modular Housing Solutions
- Promoting AI-Driven Transformation and Sector Leadership

Active and archived challenge statements are available online.