SBRI

Welsh Small Business Research Initiative (SBRI) Innovation Catalyst Programme.

- mechanism which enables public sector bodies to connect with technology businesses in order to provide innovative solutions to specific public sector challenges and needs.

- help organisations to obtain novel product and service solutions to the problems identified where no commercial solution currently exists and to provide a route to market for businesses.

What does it achieve and why ?

- The public sector is able to find innovative solutions by reaching out to organisations from different sectors including small and emerging businesses.

- It is a fast track, simplified process that allows Government departments to engage with businesses with which they might not normally work The Government department (or public sector body) acts as the intelligent lead customer and is instrumental in helping the business develop its product or technology.

- New technical solutions are created through accelerated technology development, whilst risk is reduced thrugh a phased development programme. SBRI provides applicants with a transparent, competitive and reliable source of early-stage funding.

- SBRI can be used to deliver a major improvement in meeting operational or policy objectives and should result in a commercial product or service.

Submission of application

- **Who can apply?**

- The Welsh SBRI Innovation Catalyst Programme is being run as a competitive call and is open to all Welsh Public Sector organisations.

- EOI window (invitation to submit ideas and challenge overview)

- Successful applicants will be invited to submit a full SBRI challenge proposal.

Who Cannot apply

- Businesses and academic institutions are not eligible to apply to the Catalyst Programme, from this process and are supported through the Catalyst Programme.

- Non-Welsh public sector organisations are ineligible for funding but may be collaborative partners with Welsh pubic sector departments

The process

1. EOI -
2. Invitation (if successful to full application)
3. Acceptance to continue the application

- Engagement / solutions solicited

- The most promising solutions are first explored in a <u>feasibility phase.</u> Those who are assessed the highest, progress to a <u>demonstration phase</u>.

- <u>Phase 1:</u> Proposals concentrate on proving the scientific, technical and commercial feasibility of the proposed project. The results of phase 1 determine whether the solution should go further to phase 2. Not all projects will progress to the second phase. Typically phase 1 lasts 3 to 6 months with contracts worth £10k to £50k.

- <u>Phase 2:</u> Prototype demonstration is undertaken in phase 2. Typically lasting 12 to 24 months with contracts worth £250k to £1m.

- Projects that successfully complete phase 2 may then be commercialised and offered to government departments and others under a normal procurement process.

The Challenge

How can we use technology to stimulate and sustain food supplies by supporting local food producers?   - working title

data and mapping -

What ? A distinct and bespoke solution providing an understanding of process and performance in the food industry that capitalises on different infrastructures, enabling us to purchase locally from a range of small providers;

Why ? sustainable short supply chains that provide confidence in the market and gives useful immediate data;

What ? Identifying types of produce /location and volumes Procuring from small-scale providers, supporting the profitability of farming and agriculture to encourage sustainability of existing providers and stimulating new businesses,

Why? Demand influencing food growth and vice versa, encouraging awareness and use of local produce;

Result : A harmonised solution that brings together the purchase and management of products and revenues within the sector;

What will it give us

- A smarter focus on food production and procurement;
- Combination of collective purchases across the pilot areas by encouraging cooperative working;
- The promotion an understanding of provenance or pedigree;
- Better use of the resources to encourage economic growth across the sector;
- Provide healthy eating for the public plate;
- encouraging next generations to pursue careers in food production and delivery;

How Much ?

£??????

Deadline 24th January 2019 for full application