

## SME Boost Criteria

### Participant Criteria:

- Must be an SME (< 250 employees and < €50m turnover OR < €43m balance sheet)
- May use Boost matched funding up to a value of £25k in any single Catapult year (April-March) i.e. multiple projects can be carried out by the same customer using Boost funding so long as they do not exceed the £25k threshold

### The participating company must agree to the following terms:

- Background IP belongs to each party – each are given a licence to use one another's background IP for the purpose of delivering the project
- Foreground IP belongs to the funding recipient; however, the funding recipient give the NCC a free, irrevocable, in perpetuity etc. licence to use the foreground IP for applications in a non-competing environment
- NCC has dissemination rights in perpetuity
- If the recipient's eligibility requirements (SME criteria, De Minimis approval) changes during the project, they will become liable to pay the full price

### Project Criteria:

- There is no limit on total project eligible costs, however the NCC will only match fund up to £25k e.g. if a project value comes to £75k, the NCC will pay for £25k and the company will pay the remaining £50k
- Funding is used on NCC labour, equipment and material costs – The funding does not go to the SME to be used, it stays within the control of the NCC

### Examples of suitable project themes include, but are not limited to:

- Upscaling – New/existing composite product challenged by future rate requirements
- Feasibility study – New or existing product which could be enhanced using composite materials
- Prototyping – Design, build and test of new or existing composite products
- Sustainability assessments – Reviewing the environmental impact of new or existing composite products

### Examples of unsuitable project themes include:

- Equipment for 'business as usual' jobs
- Loaning out tooling/equipment for business as usual jobs
- Bid writing/support
- Meeting room bookings

For further information and to submit your Expression of Interest form please email

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