

Pursuant to the Articles 25<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of the Law on Innovation Activity ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia", No. 129/2021), Conclusion of the Government of the Republic of Serbia 05 no.: 022-3124/2015 dated on March 26<sup>th</sup> 2015, Decision on publishing and implementation of Public Call No. 1054/2019 on September 9<sup>th</sup> 2019, as well as consent made on the session of Science Technology Park Belgrade's (hereinafter: STP Belgrade) Assembly on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 STP Belgrade is announcing:

#### THE PUBLIC CALL

# to technology development companies for membership at the Science Technology Park Belgrade

## I Introductory remarks

STP Belgrade was established as a partnership between the Government of the Republic of Serbia (on the behalf of Government: Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development), City of Belgrade and University of Belgrade. In accordance with Conclusion of the Government of Republic of Serbia 05 no.: 022-3124/2015 dated on March 26<sup>th</sup> 2015, STP Belgrade is established with a purpose to:

- Attract innovative and technology development companies (domestic and foreign) and create
  the conditions for their development by connecting them with science, research, and high
  education institutions in accordance with the provisions of Law on Innovation Activity;
- Encourage return impact on the development of science and research organizations, primarily University of Belgrade through the joint research with technology companies and with an objective to commercialize innovations created during the process of research and development;
- Create conditions for the establishment of increased number of spin-off companies and their development by using the methodology previously developed at the Technical Faculties in Belgrade;
- Increase employment of educated young people, as well as to create conditions for returning our experts from abroad.

#### II Eligibility for participation

According to this Public call, eligible applicants are technology companies that develop innovative product<sup>1</sup> or technology, including:

- a) Micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, for partially or entirely location of their business in the STP Belgrade,
- b) Large enterprises for location their research and development departments at the STP Belgrade.

Domestic and foreign companies from the previous paragraph are eligible to participate in this Public call, under the following conditions:

• Their business corresponds to the objectives of STP Belgrade (development and commercialization of innovations, job creation, revenue, and export growth);

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In the sense of this Public call, and in accordance to the Law on Innovation Activity, innovative product is result of a process innovations (Article 4<sup>th</sup>, Paragraph 2<sup>nd</sup>);

In the sense of this Public call under the term "product", is considered conventional physical products, digital products/software, electronic product/hardware or combination of previously mentioned.



- Their technical, logistic, and business requests correspond to the resources of the STP Belgrade;
- Bankruptcy and liquidation proceedings have not been initiated against them, neither
  measure of permanent or temporary ban on performing business activities is not being
  imposed upon them;
- They have settled due taxes and other public charges in the Republic of Serbia;
- Areas of business operations are not in the following areas: production/trade of weapons and ammunition, production/trade of alcoholic beverages (except beer and wine), production/trade of tobacco, gambling;
- a product or technology does not destroy biodiversity and/or endangers the environment;
- Its legal representative was not sentenced for criminal acts against economy and against environment, for receiving bribe or bribing offences, as well as for fraud;
- Have positive turnover in the last two years.<sup>2</sup>

Newly established companies are eligible to participate in this Public Call, if they can prove:

- existence of a team with significant entrepreneurial experience and skills in running a business,
- as well as references through realized investments/partnerships/first users/customers of their innovative products, which places them in a group of companies whose development phase goes beyond the incubation program carried out within the Science Technology Park Belgrade.

Domestic companies must be registered as limited company.

Large foreign companies willing to locate their research and development departments at the STP Belgrade are under obligation to register in Serbia its:

- a) **Subsidiary company** (i) with majority share of respective foreign company in basic capital of that subsidiary company, given that independently or with other entities that jointly act, posses more than 50% of rights to vote in that subsidiary company, as well as (ii) over which respective foreign company has control in the form of rights or possibilities of that foreign company to independently or with other entities that jointly act<sup>3</sup>, performs control influence over doing business of subsidiary company, either through share in basic capital, either through agreements or right to appoint majority of directors/Board of directors' members/Supervisory board members:
- b) Company branch;
- c) Representative office

before getting the status of STP Belgrade member, i.e., before moving to STP Belgrade complex.

# **III Package of services**

With this Public Call, aiming to achieve the above-stated objectives, STP Belgrade invites technology development companies to become members of STP Belgrade, by which they acquire right to use following service package:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A year of incorporation is not taken into the consideration.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Joint act, within the meaning of this Public Call, exists when two or more entities, based on joint explicit or tacit agreement use voting rights in respective entity or they perform other acts for the purpose of exercising joint influence over management or doing business of that entity.



- infrastructure services, as follows: available business space in the facilities of the STP Belgrade complex, Veljka Dugoševića 54, Belgrade-Zvezdara, including 3D laboratory and prototyping workshop, as well as conference rooms for meetings and/or organization of events/seminars;
- business support services, including:
  - Direct access to knowledge base;
  - Business counseling and informing;
  - Financial and legal counseling;
  - Intellectual property rights counseling;
  - Promotion and visibility;
  - o Networking and internationalization.

Service package is available up to 3 (three) years period, with a possibility of the Contract renewal.

Business space will be filled in a successive manner, in accordance with the existing spatial areas of the Complex and technical capacities.

Part of the services will be available to members without compensation, whereas the conditions for use of other business support services will be arranged in accordance with the stated needs of the member companies.

#### IV Terms and application procedure

Applications for membership in STP Belgrade shall be submitted by 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Applications may be submitted only in electronic form via email address: javnipoziv1@ntpark.rs.

Forms for applications can be downloaded from <a href="here">here</a>.

Application must contain:

- Filled form,
- Official annual financial reports for the last three years or for the years when company was active (if it was registered in less than three years),
- CVs of key team members,
- References of raised investment or established partnerships/first users/clients of their innovative products or technologies (for newly established companies), as well as
- Presentation of the business model.

Incomplete and untimely applications will be dismissed.

Applicants may visit the STP Belgrade business space which is the subject of this Public Call on every working day in period between 10 a.m. and 1.p.m. with prior notification, through the contact details provided in the section *Evaluation of application*.

All data given in the Application form and to it attached documents will be treated as confidential. Publicly available data sets are exempt.

### V Selection criteria

#### Full membership

Applications will be evaluated based on the following groups of criteria:

- 1. Developed and committed/dedicated team,
- 2. Innovativeness, technological intensity (in compliance with the Smart Specialization Strategy of Republic of Serbia) and readiness (phase of product/technology development),



- 3. Market potential and the phase of commercialization of an innovative product or technology with the achieved references,
- 4. Achieved and planned growth,
- 5. Cooperation with scientific and research organizations.

#### Virtual membership

Companies interested in accessing infrastructure and business support services provided by the STP Belgrade without using office space (virtual membership), by submitting application to the Public Call can become virtual members of STP Belgrade. The selection criteria for this type of membership are related to innovation, team, and market (criteria under numbers 1, 2, 3 in the section for Full membership).

## VI Applications` evaluation

Commission appointed by the STP Belgrade will perform evaluation of submitted applications.

All applicants will be informed about results of their applications` evaluation via e-mail addresses which they noted in their applications.

All the information regarding this Public Call can be received through e-mail address: <a href="mailto:office@ntpark.rs">office@ntpark.rs</a> or the following phone number: +381 11/3370-951 every work day from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.