

## FAQ for R&D Projects in Cloud Computing Call 6

**1) Q: What is the main purpose and objectives of this Call 6?**

- Ans: Specifically in the R&D space, the main purpose would be to solicit research project proposals from interested public research institutes (RIs) and Institutes of Higher Learning (IHLs), which will lead to the creation of new knowledge in cloud computing in Singapore, thereby achieving the following outcomes:
  - i. Enable infocomm infrastructure development for iN2015 vertical clusters (such as digital media, life sciences, manufacturing, financial services, retail & tourism, education);
  - ii. Support specific lighthouse projects which illustrate and promote the user of the infrastructure in the iN2015 verticals;
  - iii. Establish Singapore as a Shared Services Hub; and
  - iv. Support infocomm capability development.

**2) Q: Where can I obtain the application form for R&D project submission for Call 6?**

- Ans: Please send your request for the application form to IDA\_Cloud@ida.gov.sg

**3) Q: Who can participate in this Call?**

- Ans: Specifically for R&D projects, eligible participants are Singapore registered Institutes of Higher Learning and RIs.

**4) Q: What are the main assessment criteria for R&D project submission in this Call?**

- Ans: IDA is looking at projects of the following nature (but not limited to):
  - i. Proposed projects will take full advantage of cloud computing attributes; and
  - ii. Proposed projects must demonstrate the creation of new scientific knowledge, and show how this knowledge can benefit the R&D community at large.

**5) Q: What level of support would I receive?**

- Ans: Depending on the impact and scope of the project, selected projects will be supported in terms of utilized compute and storage resources based on the approved duration and quantum of cloud services (compute core-hours and storage GB-months) from one of the participating Cloud Service Providers (CSPs). The support will not be in the form of cash.

**6) Q: What is the maximum period of support?**

- Ans: Call 6 will provide free cloud computing resources for up to 6 months. However, information submitted in the application form on the longer term plan and impact of the project may be used for consideration on further support beyond the initial 6-month period.

**7) Q: Who should we contact for services from the participating CSPs?**

S/N	Participating CSP	Name	E-mail	Telephone
1	Alatum	Clement Lim	<a href="mailto:clementlim@singtel.com">clementlim@singtel.com</a>	64467378 92361892

**8) Q: There is no stipulated page limit. Usually the major grant agencies will have imposed page limits for their proposals. Can you please advise on this?**

- Ans: There is no stipulated page limit, however, please be advised to keep the descriptions in each section succinct in the application form.

**9) Q: Under Part IV, please confirm that two signatures are required, one from the PI and one from the authorized person within the Research Office of the institution.**

- Ans: Yes, that is correct.

**10) Q: For submission of the proposal, please advise if we need to submit soft copies of all the proposals?**

- Ans: Yes, please also submit the soft copies of all the proposals. Both the hardcopy and softcopy (via email or preferably stored in a CD) need to be submitted to iDA by **12:00noon on 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2013**

**11) Q: Can I withdraw my submission?**

- Ans: Please send your request in writing to withdraw your application to IDA\_Cloud@ida.gov.sg.