

Treadstone is pleased to direct you to the following information from AusIndustry:

Retooling for Climate Change

The *Re-tooling for Climate Change* program (\$75m over 4 years) will help small and medium sized Australian **manufacturers** reduce their environmental footprint, through projects that improve the energy and/or water efficiency of their production processes. The program provides grants of between \$10,000 and \$500,000, up to a maximum of one half of the cost of each project.

Examples of eligible projects could include:

- investing in small-scale cogeneration plants that capture waste energy and use it to produce electricity on site;
- stormwater capture and improving water recycling for re-use in the manufacturing process;
- improving insulation and recovering waste heat to improve manufacturing process efficiency;
- process re-engineering involving the adoption of energy efficient manufacturing tools, that reduce substantially the energy used in the production process.

Who is eligible for funds?

An eligible applicant for *Re-tooling for Climate Change* must:

- be a non-tax exempt manufacturing company (with manufacturing ANZSIC Code) incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001*;
- have, or is part of a group, that have an annual turnover of less than \$100 million in each of the three financial years before the year of application lodgement;
- be able to fund the costs of the project not met by the grant (at least half of the cost of the project).
- Eligible projects must be directed towards improvement of energy and/or water efficiency of manufacturing processes.

How will an application be assessed?

The program is competitive and merit based, and applications should aim to demonstrate a strong case against each of the merit criteria:

1. Potential for reduction of the environmental footprint. This may include the projected improvements in energy and/or water efficiency, or reductions in carbon emissions to be achieved. It may also take into account outcomes such as conversion to a renewable or co-generated energy source.

2. Scope and impact of process improvement. This would include the extent to which the project is more than routine production or investment activity. Other factors affecting merit could be whether the project will have a long term, sustainable impact on the ability of the company and/or industry to respond to climate change, and if it offers demonstration potential or the application of innovative, transferable technology.
3. Organisational capacity/capability to undertake the project. This would include access to relevant expertise and experience through the company or its contractors, and a well articulated project plan outlining key methods, milestones and timeframes.

How do I apply for the program?

Applicants must compete for limited grant funds, based on the merit of their application. To apply, applicants must complete an application in the form provided by AusIndustry.

The program opened for application on 12 September 2008. Applications may now be submitted at any time for assessment.

More Information

If you are interested in more information about how to put together the application please contact Treadstone on:

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