

SEEKIT projects supported: 1 April 2007- 31 March 2008

Location: University of Edinburgh (in partnership with University of Glasgow and University of Strathclyde)
Title: Renewable Energy Electrical System Technology Transfer Network (RENEW-NET)
Project Duration: 18/03/2008-17/03/2011
Grant Offered: £396,626

Project Description

SEEKIT RENEW-NET is a knowledge transfer network focussing on electrical system design in renewable energy applications. It is a partnership between the Universities of Edinburgh, Glasgow and Strathclyde with formal links into SEEKIT-HILINKS based at the University of Highlands & Islands.

Technology translators with technical expertise in electrical system design will act as a technical support f to provide help to SMEs and forge more effective communication links between small businesses in the renewable energy sector and the Scottish science base. Support will also be provided for industrial sectors utilising electrical drives in general. Technical assistance with specific design issues and assistance in seeking funding in collaboration with the science base will be provided. A Project Feasibility Fund will be available enabling SMEs to undertake feasibility studies to assess potential new technology, do market assessments and provide results which could lead to further productive collaboration beneficial to both parties.

Location: University of the West of Scotland (in partnership with the University of Glasgow and Glasgow School of Art)
Title: Scottish Centre for Enabling Technologies
Project Duration: 13/03/2008-12/03/2011
Grant Offered: £534,504

Project Description

The **SEEKIT Scottish Centre for Enabling Technologies (SCET)** is a new project led by the University of the West of Scotland in collaboration with Glasgow University and Glasgow School of Art.

The aim of this Centre is to facilitate co-operation in R&D and knowledge transfer in the area of enabling technologies for content and knowledge management between the partner Universities' multi-disciplinary science base and companies (particularly Scottish SMEs in the Creative Industries sector). A range of support mechanisms to help companies improve their innovation, competitiveness and productivity forms part of this project including a match-funded package of support, up to a maximum value of £5,000, to undertake feasibility studies/proof-of-concept work for the companies.

Location: University of Strathclyde
Title: *Essential II*
Project Duration: 01-06/2008-31/05/2011
Grant Offered: £499,439

Project Description

SEEKIT - *essential II* will build on the success of *essential* (Strathclyde Entrepreneurial Network). This project will encourage the spirit of innovation and enterprise at all levels throughout the University and will continue to nurture an environment in which innovators and entrepreneurs can thrive.

SEEKIT - *essential II* will engage exclusively with Strathclyde students and alumni, offering three distinct strands of support:

- start-up support for clients with new business ideas
- product development support for clients with new product ideas
- access to a range of University services for clients with young SMEs looking to grow

Each of the three strands will incorporate a unique set of initiatives and services which will be tailored to each client's needs, ultimately facilitating new business creation, the introduction of new products and the development of early stage SMEs. All of which will make a significant contribution to the local economy, and beyond.

Location: University of Strathclyde
Title: Strathclyde Links
Project Duration: 06/06/2008-31/05/2011
Grant Offered: £442,795

Project Description

This project will aim to increase knowledge transfer (KT) between companies and the University. This initiative will bring benefits to both companies and the University, as for the first time, it will pull together various strands of KT activity into a single community of practice. This will lead to a better understanding of the university/industry interface and good practice will be shared on the most effective ways to achieve a maximum return from KT activity for all stakeholders.

The award will be used to create a Knowledge Transfer Community of Practice comprising staff, alumni and key partners from the private and public sectors. It will also fund the creation a KT Enhancement Fund, and enable the University to hold an annual showcase to celebrate successful outcomes and share knowledge and practice of knowledge transfer.