
Announcement of K-Lab's Uzbekistan Cooperation Support Project in 2023

The Ministry of Science, ICT and ICT and the National IT Industry Promotion Agency will promote the 「K-Lab Uzbekistan Cooperation Support Project」 to support the training of young digital makers and strengthening ICT capabilities in developing countries and to increase the effectiveness of development cooperation between the two countries. In this regard, we announce the project, and ask for the participation of many execution agency with interest.

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Director of National IT Industry Promotion Agency

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Project Overview

Purpose

- The installation and operation of K-Lab in developing countries support digital education suitable to the local circumstances, the discovery of innovative ideas, and the strengthening of digital capabilities to contribute to discovering new economic opportunities in the ICT sector by fostering digital talents and creating start-up cultures, etc.

* K-Lab, a Korean digital innovation infrastructure, is a space where various digital technologies can be experienced through creative innovation activities that utilize digital equipment and software technology and realize ideas.

Main Content

- Establishment of K-Lab digital infrastructure
 - Install equipment and establish a production space, collaboration space, and educational facilities for digital production
- Operation of K-Lab ICT education program
 - Operate digital innovation programs such as localized digital production, start-up education, and ICT education that reflect user characteristics in conformity with the recipient country's situations

- Digital hub role through K-Lab business linkage
 - Prepare business linkage measures that can promote active participation of the recipient country to serve as a digital hub

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Open Call Details

- Project Name: K-Lab's Uzbekistan Cooperation Support Project Recruitment
(free public offering, Selected one executing agency)
- Project Period: from the date of conclusion of the agreement to December 31, 2023
- Support Budget: 500 million won for one executing agency (free public offering)
- Eligible for Application
 - Institutions or enterprises capable of realizing the project's objectives of supporting digital competency innovation in developing countries and strengthening the digital cooperation between the two countries and with the will and capacity to install and operate K-Lab
 - * Corporations, such as enterprises (small and medium-sized enterprises, middle-standing enterprises, etc.) and for-profit/non-profit organizations, are permitted; consortiums can be formed.
 - * The total project cost shall be made up of government subsidies and private contributions, and the executing agency participating in the project shall pay with private contributions (cash + value in kind) for costs excluding government subsidies from the total project cost.
 - * The total support period is up to 5 years (3+2), but the agreement is decided by evaluating the operation performance every year.
- Subject
 - (Target country and related organization) Uzbekistan (Tashkent)/Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Uzbekistan
 - * The space where K-Lab is established will be the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Uzbekistan (basement of the building).

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Task Selection

Project Schedule (draft)

- Open call for support project and application receipt: : March - May
- Evaluation (review suitability/announce) and selection : April - May
- Agreement conclusion : May
- Performing the project : May - December

* The above project schedule is subject to change.

Evaluation Procedures

- Evaluation through the suitability review by the evaluation committee (evaluate project plan presentations)

Steps	Main Content	Remarks
Review suitability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Review qualifications for application, such as project plans and letters of commitment, and suitability, such as disqualifications and submitted documents	NIPA
Evaluate presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Evaluate the project plans comprehensively through presentation evaluation (face-to-face evaluation)○ Evaluate the level of understanding of the task, the promotion system and strategy, the capability of the executing agency, and the capability and conditions for implementing the project.	Evaluation Committee

* During the presentation evaluation, each PM must make a presentation.

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Application and Receipt

Application Period: March 31, 2023(Fri) - May 2, 2023(Tue) 14:00 (at the time of completing computer registration)

* Postal and in-person applications are not accepted, and the computerized application must be completed before the receipt deadline.

Application Method: Computerized application through the NIPA's website and the NIPA SMART (System for Management and Administration of Resource for Target) (online application)

* NIPA's website (<https://www.nipa.kr>) / SMART (<https://smart.nipa.kr>)

** After downloading the "Project Plan (Form)" from the "Open Call for Project" section, apply through the computer system along with related documents.

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* For details, refer to the guide to contest for support projects