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**Petroleum Research Newfoundland and Labrador  
CALL FOR PROPOSALS:**

**Health, Safety and Environment  
in Arctic and Harsh Environments**

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST DEADLINE: Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

Petroleum Research Newfoundland and Labrador (Petroleum Research) is a federally-incorporated, not-for-profit organization that funds and facilitates collaborative research and development (R&D) on behalf of Newfoundland and Labrador's offshore oil and gas industry. Petroleum Research's industry members include the partners in the White Rose, Terra Nova, Hibernia and Hebron projects.

**CALL OBJECTIVE**

Petroleum Research seeks proposals that aim to develop technologies to reduce health, safety and environmental risks for offshore operations in Arctic and harsh environments.

**PROJECT CRITERIA**

Petroleum Research seeks research and technology development projects that are strategically and commercially relevant, and that create value for our members. Projects may range from early phase applied research to full scale technology adaptation or development, but in all cases proponents should clearly address the potential application or commercial relevance of their project to the offshore petroleum industry, and the distinctiveness of their research or technology development project in an international context (i.e. the relevance of their project to other international work in the same area).

Other valued project attributes include:

- High quality R&D project management processes, with well-defined, focussed objectives and proven approaches, expertise, and proper project controls;

- Exportable technologies and capabilities (including intellectual property) developed in Newfoundland and Labrador;
- Growth of relevant local and regional R&D, including development of partnerships between private-sector suppliers and public-sector researchers and/or international collaborators.

## **PROJECT FINANCING**

Petroleum Research may fund up to 100% of the total project costs. However, proponents are encouraged to have some type (cash/in-kind) of leveraged funding identified. The impact that the identified leveraged funding will have on the success of an application will depend on the nature of the research and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. A more favorable response may be given to those applicants who are prepared to contribute a share of the project costs.

Please note: Petroleum Research will only fund project costs that occur within the province of Newfoundland and Labrador, and that are compliant with the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (CNLOPB) “Guidelines for Research and Development Expenditures”. Leveraged funding may be spent in accordance with the respective funding organization’s guidelines.

## **APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY**

To apply for funding, the proponent must be a legal business entity in good standing and be able to operate in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador. Any organization that meets this criterion may submit a proposal for funding; this can be a company, university or other academic institute, research institute, or a consortium. There are no restrictions on the size of an organization that may apply.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

**Applicants must submit an EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) no later than 4:59pm (NST) , Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012** in order to be eligible to submit a proposal. EOI forms are available through our website ([www.petroleumresearch.ca](http://www.petroleumresearch.ca)). For details on our application process please review our “*Proposal Submission Guidelines*” also available on our website.

To submit an EOI please contact:

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