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Dear Dr So

Invitation for submission of research proposal

On behalf of the Pneumoconiosis Compensation Fund Board, I am writing to invite submissions of research proposals aiming at understanding and evaluating the current practices of dust control in the construction industry in Hong Kong.

The specifications and requirements of this project have been listed in the following pages. For those interested parties, please send your proposal to the office of the "Pneumoconiosis Compensation Fund Board (Attn: Trophy Mak)" at "7/F Hing Yip Commercial Centre, 272-284 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong" on or before 15 May 2009.

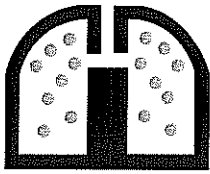
All proposals will be examined by our Research Subcommittee. The Subcommittee will base on the originality of the project, the justification of the requested funding amount, the validity and reliability of the methods, the potential applications of the research findings and other relevant factors to make a decision. Applicants, if necessary, will be invited to attend a meeting in June, and they will also be informed of the result no later than end of July.

Should you require any further information, please feel free to contact Trophy Mak of the Board (Tel: 2541 0032, E-mail: tromak@pcfb.org.hk). I look forward to receiving your positive response.

Yours sincerely
PNEUMOCONIOSIS COMPENSATION FUND BOARD

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Project Theme

A survey on the current practices of dust control in the construction industry in Hong Kong with an evaluation of the effectiveness of those practices

Objectives

The researchers can formulate the specific objectives but the proposed project should specifically cover at least the following:

- Identify the work types (工程類別) and work processes (工種) that generate high levels of dust, in particular silica dust.
- Quantify and characterize the dust generated in the different dusty work processes.
- Collect information on measures currently taken for dust control in the dusty processes.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the current practices for dust control using objective measurements.
- Collect information on effective dust control measures and equipment available in other countries/places that are applicable to, but not yet available, in Hong Kong

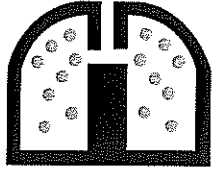
Sample size and sampling method

The proposed project should attempt to obtain representative and adequate samples to cover:

- as many as possible the different work types including but not limited to site formation, civil, building, demolition, renovation works, etc.,
- as many as possible the different work processes including but not limited to drilling, grinding, cutting, polishing, etc.,
- as many sites as possible operated by different leading contractors in Hong Kong.

Project period

- The project should start as early as possible after the confirmation of funding support and should be completed within 18 months thereafter or sooner.



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Budget

- To be prepared by the researchers with a detailed breakdown on the staff cost, and costs for equipment, consumables and others items as appropriate
- Under normal circumstances the project will only be granted a maximum of \$1,500,000 per year

Application deadline

- Friday, 15 May 2009

Vetting procedures

- All proposals will be vetted by the Research Subcommittee of the Pneumoconiosis Compensation Fund Board (PCFB). The researchers may be invited to attend a meeting and give a presentation.
- The decision made by the Research Subcommittee will be final and PCFB reserves the right to withdraw the offer and not to grant any fund to all applications

Enquiries

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