



MICA NETWORK

INVITATION TO CONFIRM PARTICIPATION IN FULL APPLICATION

PLEASE RESPOND BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

Mine operating companies, supply & service providers, academic institutions, research institutions, R&D organizations, and other partners that service Canada's mining innovation ecosystem are invited to be part of an exciting opportunity through the Federal Government's Strategic Innovation Fund – Stream 5 (SIF-5) initiative. With a funding ask of \$40 million and a total program value exceeding \$140 million, MICA (Mining Innovation Commercialization Accelerator) Network has received approval to move forward to the full application phase. A funding decision will be made at the discretion of the government of Canada after due diligence and review of the MICA full application.

Full Application due on October 12, 2020

Coordinated action is required to meet this exceptionally aggressive timeline:

- The Main Partners Committee (MPC) has been expanded to include the participation of representatives from six regional clusters (BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, Quebec, Maritimes)
- Through the MPC, MICA will continue conducting extensive consultations with participating stakeholders to develop additional content for the proposal, obtain feedback and approvals and obtain the necessary supporting documentation. Critically, this will include confirming and securing firm financial commitments from participating organizations
- Key linkages continue to be established with experts in the areas of networking, investment, IP, business development, gender and diversity and non-mining fields to strengthen the proposal

NEXT STEPS TO SECURE YOUR PARTICIPATION

All participants are required to provide:
(templates have been provided)

1. A Letter of Commitment with cash (and in-kind if applicable).
2. Partner Profile Information form which contains information as per SIF-5 requirements.
3. A project idea form to indicate either R&D projects or Network activity projects.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please contact MICA at info@micanetwork.ca



ABOUT MICA

MICA VISION AND MISSION

Use the Canadian advantage of SME-based innovations to create a national mining technology ecosystem and lead the transition to a low-carbon future. MICA will build a national ecosystem as it expands the connectivity and capacity of the network of collaborative regional clusters.

The activities of MICA will accelerate the number and scale of home-grown Canadian SMEs, both those currently in the mining sector and those cross-sector innovators that provide innovative solutions to the sector.

By commercializing new, late-stage, high-impact technologies for the mining sector, MICA will provide the opportunities for rapidly increasing domestic and export sales.

MICA TECHNICAL AREAS OF FOCUS:

- 1) Increase Metal Mine Production Capacity, at Lower Cost
- 2) Reduce Energy Consumption and GHG Emissions
- 3) Mitigate environmental risk and long-term liabilities
- 4) Implement Smart, Autonomous Mining Systems

MICA is a collaborative National Network and will offer participants a wide range of Network activities, innovation supports and business opportunities in Canada and globally. The foundation of regional clusters and shared strengths with cross-sector innovations will create the innovation and commercialization Network to transform the mining sector's productivity, performance and competitiveness.

The supply and service sector is at the heart of this Network and will create solutions to drive the growth of this industry and its members.