

Application Form  
for  
Innovation Award of the Year 2012

Last date for receipt of complete application: 30 September 2012



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# ***Award Guidelines for Innovation Award of the Year 2012***

## **Introduction**

National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) aims to promote innovative scientific endeavour in the country by encouraging and rewarding excellence in original invention/innovation and channelising national and international knowledge and expertise with the mission of giving impetus to innovation activity in the country.

The Corporation gives awards to Indian nationals annually, for their excellence in original innovative work in the High Tech Area. The applications are invited for these Innovation Awards every year on behalf of Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India. The innovations that are novel process/product resulting from transformation of creative ideas/knowhow or resources meet the eligibility criteria. Each award carries a trophy, certificate and tax-free cash award.

The prime objective of this award is to recognize the hidden creative talent in individuals or groups out of the organized R&D system that could be harnessed for the benefit of the nation. The awards are aimed to recognize the contribution of individual/ team towards the implementation of technologies and practices that create a positive change in the technological development and are innovative and IP driven.

## **Selection Procedure**

The awards are given annually as per the recommendations of the Prize Award Committee comprising of eminent scientists, technologists and specialists in diverse areas of science and technology. The applications received by the Corporation would be referred to a panel of experts comprising of eminent scientists, technologists and specialists working in Government organizations, research organizations, educational institutions and corporates for evaluation. The names and opinion of these experts are kept strictly confidential.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

- The innovation should be a novel process/product or new application of an existing process / technology that creates value and improves performance. It should represent a new and creative approach in dealing with problems or issues. These awards are focused on taking an innovative approach to deliver economic, environmental, technological viability with social feasibility and industrial applicability.
- Mere theoretical hypotheses, concepts still in the idea stage, or perceptions like that of perpetual motion machines are not eligible for consideration.
- The innovation shall be patented or patent applied for at the time of submitting the application.
- In terms of the intellectual property (IP) or embodied skills, the innovation should be substantially developed and owned by the applicant and it should not be older than five years at the time of submitting the application.

## **Who can apply**

- The awards will be given only to the individual/team who contribute to the innovation, and not to the organization.
- Only Indian nationals working in India can apply.
- If the number of the applicants in a single prize award application exceeds five, the application will not be considered.
- NRDC employees, Prize Award Committee members and their families are not eligible.

**Last Date** - Applications, complete in all respects, should reach NRDC by 30 September 2012.

**Award Money** - Rs. Five Lakh each.

**Number of Awards** – Two (Maximum)

**Award Categories** - IP Driven Innovation, Premium Innovation and Innovation in HI-Tech Area.

## **General Conditions**

- In case the applicant(s) are self-employed, it may be clearly indicated in the application form.
- The applicant(s) employed in any organization should forward their application through the head of the organization along with No Objection Certificate.
- An application is liable to be rejected, if it is not forwarded through proper channel or if any information therein is found to be incorrect.
- Applications not revealing adequate technical details required for evaluation of the proposal are liable to be rejected.
- Applicant(s) may submit published scientific papers /patents (if any) and any other relevant information in support of the innovation.
- If the innovation has been recognized/awarded by any other Institution, details of the same should be furnished.
- The applicant(s) may be required to send the prototypes/working models to NRDC for demonstration, if necessary.
- The prize award amount is usually distributed equally among the applicants. However, if unequal sharing of the award amount is desired by the applicants, its percentage should be clearly indicated in the application form.
- If during consideration of the applications received, no one deemed suitable, it would not be given that year.
- Application(s) will not be returned to the applicant(s).
- The decision of the Corporation shall be intimated to the applicants by post. Contacting NRDC officials or Prize Award Committee members in this regard may lead to disqualification of the application.

## **Rights and Obligations**

- The decision of the Corporation on the applications submitted for the award will be final and no further correspondence shall be entertained.
- NRDC retains the right to promote and seek publicity for all Award Winners.
- NRDC has the right to disqualify any applicant who does not comply with any of the terms and conditions under award guidelines.
- Award Winners are expected to comply with all reasonable requests for media articles, interviews, radio and television appearances as part of Award promotional activities.
- With NRDC's permission, winners may use images, photographs, media articles, DVDs and publicity material featuring their innovations, which have been produced by NRDC.

## APPLICATION FOR INNOVATION AWARD OF THE YEAR - 2012

(To be submitted in six sets with enclosures)

**1. TITLE OF THE INNOVATION:**

**2. PARTICULARS OF THE APPLICANT (S):**

i) Name of the principal innovator

Sr.No	Name	Designation	Name of the organization	Academic qualification	Sharing % of award amount*

ii) Name(s) of the co-innovator(s)

Sr.No	Name(s)	Designation	Name of the Organization	Academic qualification	Sharing % of award amount*

\*For unequal sharing of award amount, please indicate the percentage of the amount against the name of the applicants.

iii) Official & residential address

Sr.No.	Official address	Residential address	Phone with STD code/ cell phone	E-mail

**3. STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT:**

- i. Lab scale/working prototype
- ii. Pilot plant/test marketing
- iii. Full scale commercialization


**4. DEVELOPMENT WORK CARRIED OUT AT:**

**5. YEAR OF COMPLETION OF THE DEVELOPMENT :**

**6. DETAILED TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION** (giving its constructional and working mechanism along with photographs, videos of the device/plant):

**7. PRINCIPLE INVOLVED IN THE INNOVATION:**

**8. ORIGINALITY/NOVELTY OF THE INNOVATION:**

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**NOTE - Instructions for filling application:**

- (i) Please read Award Guidelines carefully before filling the application form
- (ii) Incomplete applications are liable to be rejected
- (iii) Separate sheets may be enclosed wherever necessary
- (iv) Soft copy of the Details in CD may also be provided

9. **ADVANTAGES OVER KNOWN ALTERNATIVES** (prior art / improvements carried out):
10. **STATUS OF COMMERCIALISATION, EMPLOYMENT GENERATION, EXPORTS AND SALES IN THE DOMESTIC MARKET** (How well it has been working in the market place, sales, competitive product and market place occupied):

11. **Whether innovation has received any other award:** (if yes, give details ) Yes   
 No

12. **STATUS OF PATENT:**
- A. INDIA**
- (i) Provisional/ Complete Specification (enclose copy of official filing receipt)
  - (ii) Patent granted (enclose copy of patent document)
- B. ABROAD**
- (i) PCT application filed (enclose copy of official filing receipt)
  - (ii) Countries designated (enclose copy of requesting National phase application)
  - (iii) Patent granted/Filed in specific country(ies) (enclose copy of patent document/official filing receipt)

13. **IF ANY WOMAN INNOVATOR IS INVOLVED, SPECIFY HER TECHNICAL CONTRIBUTION: -**

14. **DETAILS OF APPLICANTS' EMPLOYMENT:** i) Self-employed   
 ii) Employed in an Organization

15. **DETAILS OF THE EMPLOYER:**

Name and designation of Head of the Organisation	Name and complete address of the Organisation	Phone/ cell phone/Fax number	Email address

16. **APPLICANT(S) DECLARATION** (Strike off whichever is not applicable):

**I/we certify that all particulars furnished above are correct and complete to best of my/our knowledge and I/we agree to abide by all terms and conditions stipulated under Award Guidelines.**

No.	Name (s)	Signature (s)
1.		
2.		
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5.		

PLACE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

17. **NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATATION FROM EMPLOYER** (For employed applicants only)

**The innovation is not/is part of the employment and we don't have any objection for his/her/their applying for the above award.**

PLACE: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Head of the Organization

**Seal**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check before sending the application form, whether you have submitted the following information:

- i) Detailed description
- ii) Photographs of the innovation
- iii) Test reports
- iv) Reprints/clippings of your innovation, if published in technical or scientific journals
- v) Names and addresses of the end users of the innovation
- vi) Patent documents
- vii) Soft copy of complete application form in MS Word