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**GRANTS ON OFFER FOR NSW COOPERATIVE
RESEARCH CENTRE BIDS**

Researchers, industry and community groups from across the State are being invited to apply for NSW Government assistance to help them win Commonwealth funding to establish Cooperative Research Centres.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Trade and Investment Andrew Stoner said groups have until 16 March to complete their applications for the latest round of the NSW Government's Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) Bid Support Program.

"Cooperative Research Centres bring together researchers and the private, public or community sectors to help find solutions to some of the major challenges facing society," Mr Stoner said.

"NSW Trade & Investment's CRC Bid Support Program offers grants of up to \$30,000 to each successful research consortia in NSW preparing bids for the Commonwealth's CRC program.

"The funding is open to applicants from a range of fields, with a focus on priority areas including social innovation, sustainable regional communities and clean manufacturing – all issues that significantly contribute to the health and prosperity of the NSW people, environment and economy.

"There are currently 10 CRCs headquartered in NSW undertaking research and development in industries such as ICT, biotechnology, agriculture and finance.

"A new CRC for Low Carbon Living will also be established in NSW. The NSW Government committed \$100,000 to the project, which helped to secure \$28 million from the Commonwealth in November.

"The NSW Government is committed to creating an environment in which science, research and innovation can thrive and these grants help to strengthen opportunities to attract Commonwealth research funding to NSW."

Groups interested in applying for the federal and state grants are invited to attend an information session at the NSW Trade & Investment Centre in Sydney on Thursday 23 February.

Applications for NSW CRC Bid Support Funding for CRC Round 15 close on Friday 16 March 2012. To register for the information session or for guidelines and application forms go to www.business.nsw.gov.au/innovation-and-research/grants-and-assistance