

Public tender for the Pre-Certification Phase for the Program for the Creation and Strengthening of Knowledge Transfer Offices (KTOs). Invite Experts and Consultants

The Mexican Ministry of Economy (SE) and the National Council of Science and Technology (CONACYT), through their joint fund for innovation (FINNOVA) recently launched a public tender for the Pre-Certification Phase for the Program for the Creation and Strengthening of Knowledge Transfer Offices (KTOs) in the country. This public tender is directed at academic institutions (public or private), research centers, technology transfer units and any other private/public organizations that perform knowledge transfer activities. In this phase, funding from FINNOVA shall be directed towards the following activities:

- a) Define, plan, and implement the necessary managerial, regulatory and/or legal changes to establish and make transparent the technology transfer process.
- b) Create a business plan for the KTO.
- c) Qualify and train the KTO staff in knowledge transfer skills.

Further information about this public tender may be found in Spanish in the following link:

http://www.economia.gob.mx/swb/work/models/economia/Resource/2/6/images/Convocatoria_OTs_110809.pdf

The SE and CONACYT hereby invite **all those institutions and individuals with experience in the provision of technical assistance in the creation or strengthening of KTO's** to submit their contact information to the Mexican Government. The objective of this process is to inform potential beneficiaries of the program, specifically in its pre-certification phase, on possible suppliers of the afore-mentioned services. The SE and CONACYT only act as links and are not responsible for the information or the performance of participants.

Once the information is received, SE and CONACYT will only be responsible for its distribution among interested parties. It is important to note that it is the direct responsibility of the potential beneficiary to verify the veracity of the information provided by the consultants, as well as the quality of their work.

All those interested should send their institutional or individual resume, highlighting their experience in the subject, to: ramon.scott@economia.gob.mx and hmiron@conacyt.mx