



## CSU STRATA Advanced Industries Proof of Concept Program: Call for Letters of Intent

*Letter of Intent Deadline: September 8, 2023*

CSU STRATA is requesting Letters of Intent for funding through the Advanced Industries (AI) Proof of Concept (POC) Program. This funding is provided to Colorado State University (CSU) through the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) and is intended to accelerate the commercialization of CSU innovations with high potential for creating economic impact in the State of Colorado. CSU applicants may request up to \$120,000 in funding for POC projects related to the following industries: Aerospace, Advanced Manufacturing, Bioscience, Electronics, Energy and Natural Resources, Infrastructure Engineering, and Technology and Information. **A 1:3 cash match is required.**

### Program Specifics:

- **A Letter of Intent is required to begin the process.**
- Applicants who are invited to submit proposals to CSU STRATA based on their Letters of Intent will be emailed additional instructions for submitting their proposals; proposals are due by 4pm, October 23, 2023. **Due to a compressed timeline, no requests to extend the application deadline will be granted.**
- Applicants whose full proposals are selected for funding by CSU STRATA following the October 23, 2023 submission will be notified and will need to complete the OEDIT full application in the OEDIT application portal by November 29, 2023 to receive funding.
- Funding maximum: \$120,000, plus matching funds.
- Matching Funds: **A 1:3 cash match is required (\$1 match for every \$3 in funding from OEDIT)**. CSU STRATA *may* provide part of the matching requirement for select projects; however, priority will be given to projects that have matching funds identified. Matching funds must be in cash (not in-kind) and cannot be other State of Colorado funds or funds from existing sponsored projects. Faculty effort is not allowed as a match. For a limited number of interested applicants that do not have a source of matching funds identified, CSU STRATA can help to set up a meeting with Wade Troxell, Associate Professor of Engineering at CSU and former Mayor of Fort Collins, who is with familiar local companies in the advanced industries and may be able to assist with identifying an industry partner. Please contact CSU STRATA to discuss this option.
- Industries: Projects must be related to one or more of the following advanced industries: Aerospace, Advanced Manufacturing, Bioscience, Electronics, Energy and Natural Resources, Infrastructure Engineering, and Technology and Information.
- Eligibility: AI POC grant funding is available to any Colorado State University non-temporary, salaried, state classified or general faculty employee. An applicant may not have more than one concurrently active AI POC award with timelines that overlap significantly. Please contact CSU STRATA with questions about specific cases.
- Program Intent: The intent of the AI POC Program is to accelerate the commercialization of university research in the advanced industries, stimulating economic development in Colorado and creating new jobs in the region ([see State program details](#)).



**Application Instructions:**

- To begin the application process, please submit a Letter of Intent to [techtransfer@csustrata.org](mailto:techtransfer@csustrata.org) by 4pm, September 8, 2023, using the LOI template provided on the [CSU STRATA website](#).
- All questions regarding the LOI process should be directed to Sarah Belford via email: [sarah.belford@colostate.edu](mailto:sarah.belford@colostate.edu)
- Competitive applications demonstrate the potential of their projects to result in significant economic impact and the creation of jobs in the State of Colorado by advancing their research innovations towards becoming new commercial products or processes.

**Anticipated Timeline:**

Date	Who is Required to Participate	Activity
9/8/2023	All potential applicants	Letter of Intent due by 4 pm MDT
9/20/2023	All potential applicants	Notice of request to submit proposal
10/23/2023	Final Applicants	Proposal due by 4 pm MDT
10/30/2023-10/31/2023	Final Applicants	Applicant Pitches will be scheduled by CSU STRATA on these days
11/8/2023	Final Applicants	Notification of award
11/29/2023	Awardees	Full proposals due to OEDIT in OEDIT application portal

**About the State of Colorado’s Advanced Industries (AI) Program**

- The AI POC Program was created in 2013 by the Colorado Legislature to promote the success of seven designated industries in the State of Colorado. A portion of these funds are made available for proof of concept (POC) research occurring at Colorado research institutions and are allocated through the technology transfer offices.
- For AI POC program specifics, guidelines, and expectations, please see the [State of Colorado AI Programs Grant Guidelines](#).

**About CSU STRATA**

- CSU STRATA is a private, not-for-profit corporation, legally separate from the Colorado State University (CSU) System. Founded in 1941, we support and serve the campuses and affiliates of the CSU System through strategic real estate management, project development services, special project oversight, intellectual property management and technology transfer services, as well as operational management of regional, state, national, and international assets.