

NanoKTN Invites Industry to Help Shape UK Government Strategy for Nanotechnology

*NanoKTN seeks market input to ensure major sector growth
over next 10 years*

The Nanotechnology Knowledge Transfer Network (NanoKTN), one of the UK's primary knowledge-based networks for Micro and Nanotechnologies, is inviting UK nanotechnology companies to help shape UK Government Strategy for Nanotechnology. The NanoKTN, the Materials KTN, the Chemistry Innovation KTN and the Sensors & Instrumentation KTN is jointly providing the secretariat for a working group adopting a mini Innovation & Growth Team approach to assist in the collection and coordination of input to the public consultation launched by the Government on 17 July 2009 and the closing date is 31st October 2009. We are inviting UK companies to tell us what you are currently doing in nanotechnology and what your requirements are, to ensure major growth within this market over the next ten years.

This information will be included in a report from the Secretariat to be submitted to the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) to influence and help form the basis of a Government Strategy for Nanotechnology. The Department for Business, Innovation & Skills (BIS) is building a dynamic and competitive UK economy by creating the conditions for business success; promoting innovation, enterprise and science; and giving everyone the skills and opportunities to succeed. To achieve this we will foster world-class universities and promote an open global economy.

This invite from the NanoKTN is a major opportunity for UK companies to provide positive information about the nanotechnology industry to the Government. Please respond to Dr Barry Park at the NanoKTN via email to barry.park@nanoktn.com or complete them online at: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=wG2ZREq78gTGJLn3cUlkVw_3d_3d.

Below are eight generic questions to solicit information and the NanoKTN would appreciate if UK companies could respond to some or preferably all of the questions by **Friday 9th October**. In the report, companies will not be identified. The NanoKTN would also like to include UK Nanotechnology success stories and would welcome case studies for inclusion in the report.

1. Where does your company fit in the supply chain regarding nanotechnology?
2. What commercial/development products based on /nanotechnology do you have?
3. What resources are focussed on nanotechnology based products?
4. What alliances/partnerships do you have to exploit nanotechnology?
5. What sales are based on nanotechnology based products?
6. How long has your company been involved in developing and selling products based on nanotechnology?
7. What governmental funding have you had to support your nanotechnology business?
8. Where should company and government funding on nanotechnology be focused for next ten years?

Established by the Technology Strategy Board, the NanoKTN is managed by Centre for Process Innovation Ltd, a leading technology development and consulting company.

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About NanoKTN:

The NanoKTN facilitates the transfer of knowledge and experience between industry and research, offering companies dealing in small-scale technology access to information on new processes, patents and funding as well as keeping up-to-date with industry regulation. The four broad areas that the NanoKTN focuses on are: Promoting and facilitating knowledge exchange, supporting the growth of UK capabilities, raising awareness of Nanotechnology, and providing thought leadership and input to UK policy and strategy.

About Knowledge Transfer Networks (KTNs):

Knowledge Transfer Networks (KTNs) are national networks in specific fields of technology or business application, which bring together people from businesses, universities, research, finance, the public sector and technology organisations to stimulate innovation through knowledge exchange.

Funded by the Technology Strategy Board, their activities play an increasingly important role in the development of the Government's technology strategy, and help to feed and drive the Collaborative Research & Development Programme and other innovation interventions. There are currently 24 KTNs with a total membership of about 25,000 people.

For further information please see www.ktnetworks.co.uk

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About The Technology Strategy Board:

The Technology Strategy Board (www.innovateuk.org) is a business-led executive non-departmental public body, established by the government. Its role is to promote and support research into, and development and exploitation of, technology and innovation for the benefit of UK business, in order to increase economic growth and improve the quality of life.

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