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To:

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Higher Education Authority (HEA) of Ireland is calling for proposal under Irish Aid - Programme of Strategic Cooperation. It is a good opportunity if you want to develop a partnership with an Irish Educational institution.

The Programme of Strategic Cooperation between Irish Aid and Irish Higher Education and Research Institutes was launched in late 2006, and has allocated €12million to 8 projects and 7 networking grants to date. In line with the findings and recommendations of the 2010 mid-term review (MTR) of the programme it has been agreed that a Transition Phase will be launched in 2011.

For more information on current Irish Aid projects, and any further updates on the Transition call, please see the following website <http://www.heai.ie/en/Irish-Aid-Programme-of-Strategic-Co-Operation>.

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Yours sincerely,

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Programme of Strategic Cooperation between Irish Aid and Higher Education and Research Institutes (PSC): Transition Phase



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Although only a few years in existence the programme has provided an important catalyst for development within the higher education sector in Ireland. It has provided a platform for increased cooperation between Irish Aid, the HEA and the sector in a coherent and coordinated way. A Transition Phase, as recommended by the review, will be implemented to consolidate the gains made in the first four years of the programme and to ensure that the momentum of the programme is not lost.

It is intended to issue a call in the first half of 2011, with disbursements to commence in 2012.

The Transition Phase will support an incremental shift towards a more demand led and southern focused programme. Irish HEIs will be the lead agencies and will have responsibility for overall management of the projects, including financial accountability. However, proposals will need to show evidence that they meet needs and demands from partner institutions as reflected in country national plans. Evidence of increased input by southern HEI partners into the governance, design, implementation and strategic direction of the projects will be important.

It is planned that an information day will be held in the coming weeks on the Transition Phase of the Programme of Strategic Cooperation with a Call for proposals expected to issue in April following approval.

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