

## Project Specification Template

### Tender details – the opportunity

Company name	Prime Accounting Software Ltd
Company address	30 Southernhay, Basildon Essex SS14 1EL
Description of company activity/SIC code	Software development
Objective of the proposed innovation project– this MUST involve activity that results in the development of or introduction to the market of a new product or service (max 300 words)	Creation of web based accounting software with stock control facilities for the perishable produce (fruit and veg) wholesalers and importers.
Company’s current situation – existing project team and innovation project development stage (max 400 words)	Project is at around 50% completed in partnership with a client that uses the software. That company is no longer involved. We not have any in house staff apart from the managing director but do have access to staff employed by another company owned by the managing director (Datastore Computing Ltd).
Business need – what expertise and support is required from a Knowledge Base to reach the objective(s) above? (max 400 words)	A university partner that can provide me expertise in the area of computer programming to continue creation of a web site using current technologies such as MVC version 5 and would help if there is expertise in use of Knockout (MVVM). Also need accounting expertise to make sure all correct processes are applied within the software especially in the foreign currency usage.
Required timescales (if any) for Project Start and duration, and if applicable anticipated product launch date	Start ASAP (within 2 months if possible) with expected delivery in 1 year from start
Optional - company budget available to match fund KEEP+ grant (if known) please see ‘Further details’ for maximum funding amounts	Understand £2500 per month will be needed (£30k)
Company Contact for further information	Paul Edwards 07768 901944 <a href="mailto:paul.edwards@go-dcl.co.uk">paul.edwards@go-dcl.co.uk</a>
Required tender response date (min 20 working days from posting of advert)	Shortest reasonable time
Responses are sought from organisations classified as Knowledge Bases, defined under the ERDF Definition of the Knowledge Base: Higher Education, Further Education and Research Entities which are: UK Public Sector Research Establishments, Research and Development Organisations, Research and Technology Organisations.	

The Company is seeking a Knowledge Base partner to work with them to develop a project which, dependent on a successful Grant Application, will be supported by the KEEP+ ERDF project using one of the three types of intervention described below. Please also see KEEP+ website – link.

The Company would like to work with a Knowledge Base partner under a two stage contract.

In Stage 1 they need the expertise of a Knowledge Base partner to develop and design the project which will deliver the solution for their business need and support their grant application to KEEP+. The Company have already secured a Grant from KEEP+ of up to £1k to fund 50% of the cost of this activity, subject to them procuring a suitable KB partner.

In Stage 2, if the grant application to KEEP+ is successful, the Company requires the expertise of the Knowledge Base partner, to work with them to deliver the solution i.e. the project intervention supported by the KEEP+ grant.

Criteria for Decision making	Assessment criteria are as follows <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expertise fit</li> <li>• Timing fit</li> <li>• Suitability of proposed methodology</li> </ul> Weighting is determined by the SME partner
Date for Contract Decision	Minimum of 20 working days from date of advertisement
Tender response templates	Please approach the company for the exact format of your response.

### Further details for potential respondents

You are responding to a tender for an activity which is eligible for part funding by the European Regional Development Fund, specifically under the KEEP+ Programme.

The KEEP+ Programme aims to support SMEs to develop new products and services by fostering long term collaborative relationships between Knowledge Bases – Universities and research institutions – and SMEs who need expertise and support for innovation.

Please see KEEP+ website for further information [www.keepplus.co.uk](http://www.keepplus.co.uk) or contact the KEEP+ project team 0845 196 4310 [carole.randall@anglia.ac.uk](mailto:carole.randall@anglia.ac.uk) or 0845 196 4207 [cheryl.cook@anglia.ac.uk](mailto:cheryl.cook@anglia.ac.uk)

KEEP+ provides maximum allowable grants for its specific types of intervention. Those intervention types and maximum grant levels are as follows;

- Innovation Internship (max 12 week duration) – this intervention involves a graduate intern working on a relatively short term activity, they are based within the beneficiary company - grant allowance 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of £2,828.00 (please note, NO stage 1 grant).
- KEEP Knowledge Exchange Embed Partnership (12 month duration) - this intervention involves a graduate working on a mid- to long-term activity with the support of a specific academic staff member, the graduate is based within the beneficiary company - grant



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allowance 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of £30,275.00 revenue (including maximum Stage 1 grant) and £6,000 capital.

- KEEP Research and Innovation Collaboration (no fixed duration) this intervention involves an academic colleague working on a short- to long-term activity, they are based at the Knowledge Base but with regular face-to-face interaction with the beneficiary company - grant allowance 50% of eligible costs – these grants have an average cost of £19,250.00 revenue (but may range from £5,000-40,000, including maximum Stage 1 grant) plus a strict maximum of £6,000 capital.
- Capital grants are only available for the KEEP or Research and Innovation Collaboration projects, not Innovation Internships and any capital items must be procured separately.

The following is a guide to the types of cost that you should expect to occur should your application be successful;

- Innovation Internship (max 12 week duration) – intern wage, administrative support
- KEEP Knowledge Exchange Embed Partnership (12 month duration) – project development, associate wage, academic wage, administrative support, training and travel (on the part of the knowledge base employees), minor equipment (please note there is a potential separate grant for major capital purchases), recruitment
- KEEP Research and Innovation Collaboration (no fixed duration) – project development, academic wage, administrative support, consumables (please note there is a potential separate grant for major capital purchases)