

## **Details of Inviting Proposals Pertaining to National Strategic Special Zones**

Office for the Promotion of Regional Revitalization, Cabinet Office

### **1. Purport**

Based on Article 5, paragraph 7 of the National Strategic Special Zone Act (Act No. 107 of 2013) and the sixth basic policy of the National Strategic Special Zone (Cabinet Decision, February 25, 2014), we will invite proposals related to new measures to be taken by the government for enhancing the international competitiveness of the industries in National Strategic Special Zone and promoting the formation of bases for international economic activities (including those contributing to regional revitalization). We will accept proposals for regulatory reforms not only limited to the special zones but also across Japan.

In addition, the proposals may be regarded and processed as proposals for the 27<sup>th</sup> Structural Reform Special Zones related to Article 3, paragraph 4 of the Structural Reform Special Zone Act (Act No. 189 of 2002) and the basic policy 2. (2) of the Structural Reform Special Zone (Cabinet Decision, January 24, 2003) based on the regulation stated in the Article 38, paragraph 1 of the above Act.

### **2. Proposers**

From the viewpoint of gathering wisdom from a wide variety of fields, we will invite proposals from private business operators and local governments who will be carrying out the projects. We will welcome not only independent proposals but also joint proposals made by several organizations as well as those from overseas.

### **3. Period of Invitation**

We will invite proposals from Tuesday, April 28 until 5pm on Friday, June 5, 2015. Proposals will be appropriately screened upon receipt before being considered for hearings.

### **4. Outline of Requirements for Acceptable Proposals**

We will accept proposals which meet all of the following requirements.

1. Proposals on specific projects which contribute to the enhancement of the international competitiveness of the industries or the promotion of the formation of bases for international economic activities (including those contributing to regional revitalization).
2. Specific proposals with regards to regulatory/system reforms required to enable the execution of the projects suggested in the above (1) when it is impossible or difficult under the current regulations/systems. (We do not accept proposals which simply request support for funding.)

\*Please note that proposals made this time will not be necessarily connected directly to the designation of the new National Strategic Special Zone.

### **5. Proposal Entry Method**

Please follow the entry method shown in the format attached.

## **6. Points to Consider in Filling out the Format**

Please take note of the following points in completing the proposal format.

1. For the column “Location of Project” in (4) of the format, please put the name of the prefecture or the city to identify the location when the proposal requests regulatory reforms in a certain region. When the proposal relates to regulatory reforms across Japan or does not specify a region, there is no need to fill out this part.
2. For columns (7), (8) and (9) of the format, please put the description for each regulation from the viewpoint of the following 3 and 4.
3. For column (7) “Content of regulations which make it impossible or difficult to carry out the project mentioned in (5)” in the format, please describe specifically how the current regulations obstruct the execution of the project mentioned in (5) after identifying in (8) the grounds of laws and ordinances of the applicable regulations as much as possible.
4. For column (9) “Content of new measures proposed for reforms of the regulations/systems mentioned in (7) and (8)” in the format, please describe not only the abolition of the regulations mentioned in (8) but also specific changes to be made in the content of the regulations or proposals of new regulations/systems as specific as possible.
5. When you would like your proposals to be considered and processed only for the National Strategic Special Zone, please state so in column (12) “Special Notes” in the format.

## **7. Submission Method of Proposals**

Please submit your proposal by one of the following methods.

1. Via e-mail

Please send all the files including the proposal and other materials attached to the e-mail.

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(1) Please put “Proposal Submission *and the name of the proposer*” as the subject of the e-mail. (e.g. Proposal Submission XX Company)

In the case of a joint proposal made by several organizations, please put the name of the person or the organization shown as the contact on the format as the “Name of Proposer.”

(2) For the electronic file name of the proposal, please put “the name of the proposer and the name of the proposal.” (e.g. XX Company XX Project)

Please follow the above (1) for the “Name of Proposer.”

(3) With regards to reference materials, please send us the electronic files together with the proposal. The recipient’s email address is shown in **8. Contact**.

We will not notify you of the arrival of your proposal but we would be grateful if you could contact the Office for the Promotion of Regional Revitalization (Tel: 03-5510-2463 / 2466) for confirmation.

## 2. Delivery by post or by hand

Please submit two copies of your proposal and the whole electronic media. In the case of delivery through posting, please put “Proposal enclosed” in red on the envelope. The recipient’s address is shown in **8. Contact**.

### **8. Contact**

Cabinet Office  
Office for the Promotion of Regional Revitalization  
In charge of Proposals for the National Strategic Special Zone  
<Address> Nagata-cho Godo Chosha 6F  
1-11-39 Nagata-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0014, Japan  
<Tel> 03-5510-2463 / 2466  
<Email> [i.kokkatoc@sign.cao.go.jp](mailto:i.kokkatoc@sign.cao.go.jp)

\*The above address does not show the at-sign for security reasons.

### **9. Points to Consider in Submitting the Proposal**

1. Submissions just before the closing date may cause a delay in checking the content of the proposals. We would appreciate your early submission.
2. Please note that we will not return the materials and documents you submit.

### **10. Handling of Proposals**

1. The proposals received will be screened by the Working Group (WG) of the National Strategic Special Zones and hearings will be conducted by the WG members as necessary for those selected. We will later contact the proposers who have been selected for hearing sessions.

After that, discussions will be held between WG members and relevant ministries and agencies through hearings. The response policy to the proposal will finally be decided through study and deliberation by the Council on National Strategic Special Zones.

2. Proposals to be handled as those related to Structural Reform Special Zone in accordance with Article 38, paragraph 1 of the National Strategic Special Zone Act will be subject to discussions between the Office for the Promotion of Regional Revitalization and relevant ministries and agencies. Proposals for which certain conclusions are made will receive response policies to be decided by the Office for the Promotion of Structural Reform Special Zones.

In the process of discussions with relevant ministries and agencies, we will provide opportunities for proposers to respond with opinions to the answers from those relevant ministries and agencies.

### **11. Reference**

For National Strategic Special Zones and Structural Reform Special Zones, please see the website below.

<http://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/singi/tiiki/>