We encourage large companies to take advantage of indirect support, through financial assistance offered to their sub-suppliers in the micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) sector. They can count on significant support of their development with the help of public funds, thus making their offer more attractive. This is an excellent opportunity to develop cooperation between large companies and their smaller subcontractors. Support is provided for activities such as the creation of a technological bases for SME’s to produce and implement new products on the market, as well as operating costs related to the development of new products, services and processes. In addition, it is also possible to rebuild and expand buildings, purchase machinery and equipment necessary to bring new innovations to market.

This is an opportunity for large companies to also benefit from the support offered to the SME sector. With the support for smaller sub-suppliers, by introducing new solutions to the market, they can improve the quality and lower the costs of their services or offer competitive products in a shorter time. In addition, the cooperation of large enterprises with subcontractors in the SME sector has a huge impact on diffusion of knowledge and innovation in companies.

Projects ranging from about PLN 100,000 to even tens of millions of zlotys are being supported.

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Countrywide sources
You can apply for support within the framework of nationwide calls for proposals:

1. R&D: POIR Sub-measure 1.1.1 R&D projects of companies (Fast Track) – call for proposals lasts until 30.06.2017, the next one is scheduled from 09.2017 to 12.2017 (for large enterprises as well). There is also a call dedicated for SMEs outside of the Mazovian voivodship scheduled from 01.06.2017 to 31.08.2017.

2. R&D Centers: POIR Measure 2.1 Support for investments in R&D infrastructure of enterprises - the call for proposals lasts until 07.07.2017 (for large enterprises as well).

3. Investments:
   - POIR Sub-measure 3.2.1 Research on the market - the call is scheduled from 11.2017 to 01.2018.
   - POIR Sub-measure 2.3.2 Vouchers for innovation for SMEs - the call is scheduled from 08.06.2017 to 02.2018.

Regional sources
KPMG Advisors from the Innovation, Grants and Incentives group have experience in successfully advising on applications for public funding. We will be pleased to provide you with further information regarding the conditions for receiving public aid, as well as to:

- evaluate your activities, particularly with regard to the possibility of obtaining public funding under the relevant call for proposals,
- advise on how to organize and operate the organization in a way that optimizes the acquiring of grants,
- assist in selecting a scientific unit, preparing a possible consortium or subcontracting agreement,
- prepare the application for financial support for the project,
- monitor the application during the assessment procedure,
- provide assistance in the correct accounting and documentation of costs incurred in order to obtain refunds, as well as to assist in the introduction of appropriate accounting policies and records.

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