

# INVEST Application

*Applications must be postmarked or submitted online by 11:59 pm on March 31, 2009.*

Please complete the application in full. Partial and incomplete applications will be disqualified. Applications must be sent with supporting documentation.

## **Background Information**

1. Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Address: \_\_\_\_\_
3. E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Web Address: \_\_\_\_\_
6. How did you hear about the INVEST Program? \_\_\_\_\_
  
7. Name of Organization (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_
8. Type of Business (LLC, LLP, Inc., Etc.): \_\_\_\_\_
9. Number of Full Time Employees: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have intellectual property ownership and/or exclusive rights to make business and legal decisions concerning the technologies/products receiving funding?

10.  Yes  No 11. Please explain your legal authority for decision making: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any existing business relationships regarding this product or technology?

12.  Yes  No 13. If yes, please explain the nature of the relationship, and with whom: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*\*\*Additional pages may be added if necessary\*\**

14. Has a patent search been performed for this product/technology?  Yes  No

15. If yes, who performed the search? \_\_\_\_\_

16. What were the results/conclusions? \_\_\_\_\_

17. Have you applied for a US patent?  Yes  No

18. Have you applied for an international patent?  Yes  No

19. If yes, what is your patent application number(s) or issued patent number(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

From inception to date, please give an estimate of the following:

- 20. Total man-hours spent on research, testing and development: \_\_\_\_\_
- 21. Total money invested in research, testing and development: \_\_\_\_\_

22. If requested, could you provide samples of the product/technology? \_\_\_\_\_

23. What is the scale of your research, testing and development (bench top, lab-scale, pilot scale, pre-commercial, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

24. In your estimation, given the current stage of your product/technology development, how much additional funding is needed for your product/technology to reach the market?  
\_\_\_\_\_

25. Have you received or applied for any state or federal funds to develop this project?

Yes  No

26. If yes, what state and/or federal program and how much did you receive? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

27. The Indiana Soybean Alliance has made \$40,000 available through the INVEST program for this funding round. How much do you request through the INVEST program? \_\_\_\_\_

**Product/Technology Summary**

When answering the following questions, please keep in mind that ISA is looking for products and technologies that are relevant to soy and have marketing potential. ISA wants to know how your product or technology incorporates soy, what the product or technology will do, what target markets the product will serve, the current stage of development, and the key challenges involved with bringing the product or technology to the market.

28. In 100 words or less please provide a summary, in lay terms, of your product or technology. The summary should include, at a minimum: product/technology development information; benefits; challenges; and what INVEST would help you accomplish.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



---

---

---

---

---

---

**Projected Budget and Business Plan**

30. Please attach a business plan of your company or specific to the development of this particular product/technology.

31. Please include a projected budget for use of INVEST dollars.

I have read and I understand all of the rules and guidelines of the INVEST program prior to the submission of my application. I assert that all of the provided information is complete and accurate.

Signature of Applicant

---

---

---

---

---

Date

---

Address, Telephone, Email

---