

INNOVATION CHALLENGE BACKGROUNDER

- Innovation Challenges are a response to requests from Government ministries, agencies and crowns to provide better services to Saskatchewan citizens by incorporating technology solutions created by the Saskatchewan technology community.
- Innovation Saskatchewan is working with the Ministry of Justice to ask the question “How can Technology be used as a solution to improve safety and security of rural citizens and rural property?”
- Anyone can participate including individuals, groups, or companies. There are no restrictions to apply, however, there is an emphasis on Saskatchewan-created technology.
- Expressions of Interest will be due back on October 13, 2017 and more information can be found at www.InnovationSask.ca.
- Expressions of Interest will be evaluated by a team with representatives from Innovation Saskatchewan, Ministry of Justice, technical experts and stakeholders that may benefit and use the solution (ie, rural residents, farmers, police service). The criteria will include evaluating the proposed solution for applicability, how the solution would be applied, whether the solution is technically feasible, whether it is an innovative solution, the background of the team that submitted the proposal, and similar projects the team has worked on prior.
- Once a candidate has been selected, a 16-week residency will begin with the goal of having a solution to the challenge question completed by the end of the 16-weeks.
- The Ministry of Justice will provide the technology company with funding not exceeding \$10,000 to offset the cost of technology products and related technical services incurred during the project.

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