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# Innovative Procurement & Fostering Small & Medium-sized Enterprises

PPS - Friend to SMEs and Venture Companies

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# **Policy Foundation for Innovation and SMEs**



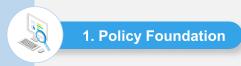




- Support government policy initiatives for the economy stimulation
- > including economic adjustment and employment growth



- Specialized support for SMEs, venture companies, and disadvantaged businesses
- Help find public procurement market domestically and throughout the world



# **Policy Foundation for Innovation and SMEs**



# **Dynamic Procurement Marketplace Full of Vitality**

PPS - Friend to SMEs and Venture Companies

- Stabilize the Economy and Accelerate Economic Recovery
- <sup>o</sup> Create a Favorable Environment for Business with a Regulatory Reform
- \*Create an Innovative Procurement Ecosystem where New Industries thrive
- Oo beyond International Markets
  to open New Export Markets with Global Procurement





# **Introduction to Innovative Procurement**



- **▶** Government purchases Innovative Products *First*
- → Support Private-sector **Technology Innovation & Growth** and **Improve Public Services**
- ▶ Government becomes the "First Buyer" and creates Initial Market
- → Increase opportunities for Innovative Products to participate in public procurement

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# Improve Public Services





Assist promising SMEs in joining public procurement markets by purchasing Innovative Products

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Save Taxpayers' Money with the Best Value for Money

Budget saving with innovative purchase

Timely Response to Rapid Social Changes

Tackle social issues

Offer Better Public Services to the Public

Enhance the quality of public services

Create a New Market and Go Global as a Pioneering Buyer

Pilot use and purchase by the government

Advance into the Global Procurement Market

# **Innovative Procurement Process**



# Find Public Demand

# Innovative Product

## **Encourage Innovative Procurement**

- Find
- Incubate
- Scout ("Scouters")

- From R&D
  - Innovation and Publicness
  - Recommended by Ministries

Designate

- Purchase Target
- Pilot Test
- Contract
- Competitive Exhibition

- Buy and Use
   Innovative Products
- Improve Public Services using Innovative Products

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\* Ministry of Economy & Finance

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Government Ministries
Public End-users

[Platform] Inno-KONEPS (PPS): A cross-government, Innovative Procurement platform that supports every step of the process [Legal Body] Procurement Policy Committee (MOEF): Establish Innovative Procurement Policy and Endorse Designation of Innovative Products



# **Pilot Use of the Innovative Product**



## Public Entities *Pilot-use* Innovative Products and evaluate & provide feedbacks.

- ► Pool of candidate prototypes is formed for pilot purchase, after a technical evaluation of feasibility, marketability & innovation, and an on-site inspection.
- ▶ Prototypes are then purchased with the PPS budget and tested by public entities.
  - Pre-commercialized Innovative Products are tested, helping the products to readily join procurement markets and to facilitate developing relevant technologies
  - ☑ Records with "Government Procurement" are a strong credit





## **Innovative Products**



# **Throw-able Smart Fire Extinguisher**



Fire extinguisher bottle is thrown into fire from a distance; suitable for early stage fire suppression and securing escape route

# Floor-type Pedestrian Traffic Light



Prevent accidents of jaywalkers and pedestrians using smartphones when crossing



# **Innovative Products**



#### **Circular Resource Collection Robot**



Turning plastic bottles into resource and money for people (incentive points), encouraging citizen participation

# Smart Poles; Traffic Lights with ICT Tech



Installed near Jeju Airport with a lot of traffic; preventing jaywalking or walking a red light





# Inno-KONEPS, the Innovative Procurement Platform

# Platform for Innovative Procurement

▶ To Create demand and Expand sales channels of Innovative Products

▶ Opened in Jan. 2021

**Demand for Innovation** 

User Entity

**Effective Purchase** 

Identify Demand for Innovation

Integrate Survey of Demand for Public R&D

#### **Inno-KONEPS**

Integrated
Search Engine
supporting
Purchase of
Innovative Product

Online Shopping Mall for Innovative Products

Informatize Innovative Products

**Marketing Proposals** 

Supplier

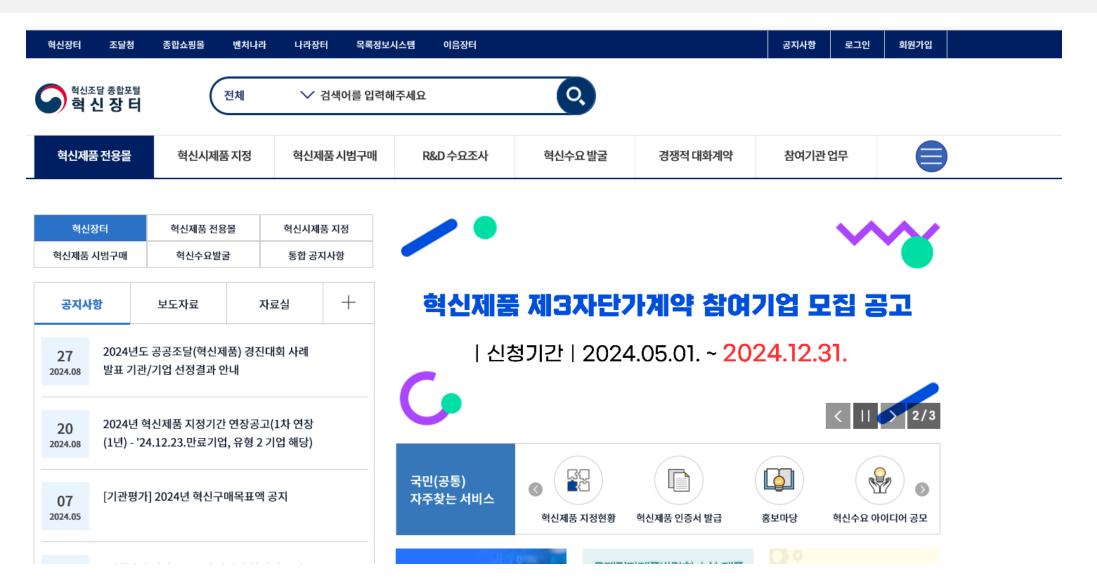
Offer Information of Demands
for Innovative Product







# Inno-KONEPS, the Innovative Procurement Platform





# **Innovative Products Overseas Testing**



#### **Overview**

- **♥ Provide an opportunity to test Innovative Products for Performance and Market Viability in International Markets** 
  - ► Initiative to purchase products inventive but previously unavailable



- Collaborative efforts with organizations having international networks to drive international validation of the Innovative Products
  - ► KOTRA, KOICA, and Korea's public power generation companies
  - ♦ KOTRA: Korea Trade Investment Promotion Agency



# Public Procurement Service

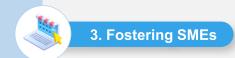
# **Innovative Products Overseas Testing**

#### **Achievements**

- Since 2021, Overseas Testing projects with three Power Generators expanded through collaborations with various institutions - KOTRA, KOICA & ETRI

  - 13 Innovative Products worth USD 340,000 tested at power plants in Indonesia, Chile and Jordan
  - Since 2021, USD 580,000 purchased in connection with KOTRA program
  - Blood collection devices in hospitals of five nations including Tanzania in 2021
  - Urine analyzers in eight nations in 2023







# **Policy to Support SMEs in Public Procurement**





## **Excellent Government Procurement Product**



#### **Overview**

- Certifying products of outstanding performance, technology and quality
  - Since 1996, to encourage SMEs to develop innovative technology and high-tech products
  - Certification for 3 years and extension up to 3 years

# Purpose





Support SMEs with greater sales channels



#### **Benefits**

- Under a unit-price contract by PPS, Excellent Products are supplied to public entities through KONEPS Shopping Mall
- Public entities can easily make purchases at the Mall





#### **Excellent Government Procurement Product**





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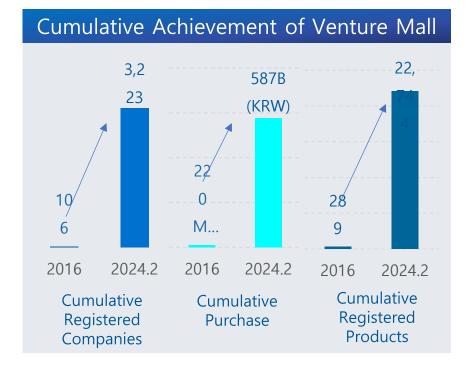








Venture Mall Performance in 2023



#### **Definition**

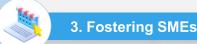
✓ Dedicated mall for preemptive purchases of leading tech start-ups' & ventures' products to help enter new markets and build a foundation for growth

# **Features and Benefits**

- Entry into the procurement market based on technology and quality alone, without past performance or business status score (e.g. credit rating)
- ✓ Deliveries to public institutions (estimated price less than 20M KRW, 15k USD) through direct orders from the end-users without a separate contract process with PPS for up to 5 years after Venture Mall registration

#### **Achievements**

- ✓ Launched in October 2016, Venture Mall has grown to a marketplace with 3,223 companies, 22,744 products, and 587B KRW (434M USD) in cumulative transactions.
- ✓ Venture Mall's sales performance serves as a stepping stone for growth; a total of 460 companies have entered the larger markets of Innovative Products (223 companies), Excellent Products (81 companies), and MAS (123 companies), etc.



# "Procurement Sherpa"



#### Guide to Public Procurement for SMEs to expand Access to Procurement Markets



#### 강원조달청, '동양아이텍' 이음장터 입점... 공공조달 길잡이 '첫 성과'

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#### **Objective**

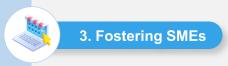
✓ Actively identify companies that want to participate in public procurement and provide one-stop consulting services from experts for the entire market process (Venture Mall ⇒ Innovative Procurement ⇒ Excellence Product)

#### **Features and Benefits**

- Help excellent tech companies access public procurement: Full-scale consultation
- ✓ Provide consulting and information for novice suppliers
- Customized consulting for company needs
- Operate a specialized consulting room and information center
- ✓ Establish a responsible post-management system
- Provide feedback on post-consulting status
- Actively detect procurement site regulations
- Provide information on policies for support from other ministries and local governments

#### **Achievements**

- ✓ Mar. 13, 2024 : "Guide to Public Procurement" Launching Ceremony
- ✓ Mar. 29 : First success case of entering the E-um Marketplace for services through customized consulting from the PPS Gangwon Regional Office



# **Cash-flow Support**

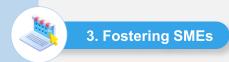


# **Upfront Payment**

Up to 100% of the value of a contract

# **Network Loan**

- PPS set up the Network Loan program with commercial banks and surety companies.
- Commercial banks have partnered with PPS to allow SMEs to obtain loans for up to 80% of the contract amount solely based on the contract with PPS.
- Suppliers may get loans from partner banks for carrying out PPS contracts at low interest rate.
- (Network Loan Partners) PPS, Korea Federation of Small and Medium Business, Korea Technology Finance Corporation, Industrial Bank of Korea, major commercial banks (Shinhan Bank & Hana Bank)

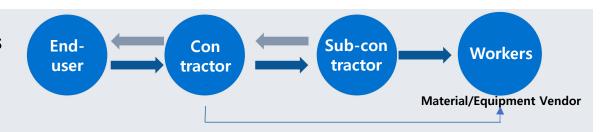


# **Subcontractor Protection System**



#### **Definition**

A system that electronically processes and monitors the process of subcontracting and payment (for materials and equipment, labor, etc.) for public sector contracts



End-user may pay sub-contractor or vendors directly with consent.







**Public** 





Local Institutions Governments Institutions Institutions State-owned Institutions Companies

**Features and Benefits** 

- ✓ Electronic execution of subcontracts based on standard subcontract forms
- ✓ Subcontract payments, materials and equipment payments, and labor payments are sent to the subcontractor's commitment account
  - → Restrictions on withdrawal of payments other than the vendor's share

#### Subcontractor Protection Usage (in Trillion KRW)



61.3 trillion KRW / 45.4 billion USD

#### **Achievements**

- Protection of the rights of the economically disadvantaged and fair and transparent subcontracting transactions
- Subcontractor protection performance (as of 2023)
- (Amount paid) Approx. 61.3T KRW, 45.4B USD
- (Number of organizations) 10,287 (Number of companies) 83,755





# Thank You Q&A

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