

Aids available for development costs for safety products at industrial sites

KOSHA expands supports for R&D of protective devices and PPEs

- Occupational Safety & Health Certification Institute (OSHCI) under the KOSHA offers aids funds for research and development of protective devices and PPEs in order to promote market expansion for outstanding safety products.
- Eligibility for aids will be given to registered manufacturers* of protective devices and PPEs, where a maximum of 50 million KRW will be supported each for research & development fund (within 60% of required costs) and purchase fund for test equipment (within 50% of required costs).
- * A manufacturer is required to have obtained safety certification for protective devices and gears or to be registered to the KOSHA as a business having completed a report of self-regulatory safety confirmation.
- Candidates may apply* for the aids via post mail or internet by February 25 after downloading an application from the public notification at the official website of the KOSHA (<http://www.kosha.or.kr>).
- Outcomes from selection process are scheduled to be announced during the month of March following deliberation process**.

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** Major details of deliberation concerning application for financial aids

Field of Research & Development	Adequacy of R&D, executive capability, expected effects, etc.
Field of Purchasing Test Equipment	Applicability of R&D and quality control utilizing purchased equipment, expected effects, etc.

- Last year, 12 manufacturers received the financial aids worth a total of about 288 thousand USD, and an average of 35 thousand per business establishment was supported for R&D funds while an average of 15 million was granted for the funds to purchase test equipment.
- This year, the budget for this particular financial aids has been increased to a total of about 370 thousand USD.
- ANHYUP Electronics Co., Ltd., a last year's recipient of R&D fund, developed 'safety mat of industrial robot' and has applied for a Korean patent, and Kyoungdo Co., Ltd. also developed 'full gas mask' and applied for a patent in Korea.
- Bong-ho KIM, the Director General of OSHCI under KOSHA, said, "I expect that this financial aids will bring positive effects on prevention of occupational accidents by enhancing competitiveness of Korean small-and-medium-sized enterprises and expanding the distribution of outstanding products."
- "Through continuous financial supports, KOSHA is determined to fulfill its responsibility as a public institution by offering assistance for win-win growth of safety products market in Korea together with small-and-medium-sized enterprises," Kim added.