

DSI-CSIR Photonics Prototyping Facility Call for Participation

The DSI-CSIR Photonics Prototyping Facility (PPF) invites expressions of interest (EOIs) from small, medium and micro enterprises, established private companies and technology entrepreneurs who require assistance in the development of innovative prototype products utilising photonics as a core building block.

The DSI-CSIR PPF

This programme was established by the Department of Science and Innovation (DSI), in collaboration with the CSIR's PPF, to bridge the gap between laboratory bench developments and industrialisation-ready photonics-based products. The principal function of the PPF is to facilitate the development of prototypes, which result in photonics-based products that satisfy a specific market need. The PPF supports prototype development and characterisation by offering:

- Premier laser, optical and workshop facilities (three class 1 000 clean rooms fully equipped to support photonics-based product development);
- Access to skilled resources (optical engineers, industrial engineers, laser engineers and scientists);
- Characterisation equipment (diagnostic equipment, optical components and laser sources); and
- Technical support (mechanical, electronic and industrial design, as well as mechanical manufacturing facilities).

To apply, please contact the PPF by contacting the CSIR National Laser Centre at ppf@csir.co.za.

Closing date for applications is **30 September 2019**.

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