



25 July 2024

Freedom of Information request: FOI2024/00578

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on the 29 June in which you requested the following:

Your request:

At the start of 2024 you ran a Small Business Research Initiative (SBRI) competition for decarbonising concrete.

Can you please confirm the title, lead organisation name and confirmed participants for both (i) successful applicants and (ii) unsuccessful applicants.

Our response

I can confirm that UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) holds some information relevant to your request. Please see the information below.

There are seven successful applicants, please see below:

Project No	Project Title	Participant
10118595	Recycled concrete fines, a low-carbon cement substitute: Tackling barriers to commercial uptake	MATERIALS PROCESSING INSTITUTE
10118592	LowCast-Demonstration of an innovative low carbon precast concrete for use in the wastewater industry	EFC GREEN CONCRETE TECHNOLOGY UK LTD
10118018	Scalable Low Carbon Demonstrator Project	JOHN SISK & SON LIMITED
10116040	EAFSCM - New SCM composed of slag and CO2 byproducts of electric arc furnace (EAF) steel production	COCOONCARBON LIMITED
10114410	Development of calcined clay from low-grade sources to produce next generation low-carbon cements and concrete.	CEMCOR LTD
10117867	CoMLaG (Combining Micronized Limestone and Graphene)	CEMEX UK OPERATIONS LIMITED
10117763	Excavation Waste London Clay Utilisation in Concrete Applications ("Ex-Clay")	SKANSKA UK PLC

There were a total of 65 unsuccessful applicants, we are unable to provide further information as we have determined that the information you have requested regarding the project titles of unsuccessful applicants falls under Section 41 of the FOIA, information provided in confidence.

To explain further, Innovate UK's (IUK) guidance states that if applications are successful, some of their information will be published. It is therefore implied that all organisations can confidently apply to IUK and information relating to their application will be kept confidential unless they are successful.

To confirm that an application has been received, but not funded, would be an actionable breach of this confidence. To confirm that an application has not been received would make it possible to determine if an unsuccessful application is submitted in the future.

In making this decision, we have also considered the [principles behind the Freedom of Information Act](#), as set out by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). Specifically, UKRI must adhere to the principle that all requests should be considered "applicant blind", meaning that the information we disclose and the response we provide should be the same, irrespective of who is seeking the information. We must also consider that any information released under the Act would be disclosed into the general public domain.

If you have any queries regarding our response or you are unhappy with the outcome of your request and wish to seek an internal review of the decision, please contact within the next 40 working days:

Head of Information Governance


Email: foi@ukri.org

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are still not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may apply to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review procedure provided by UKRI. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: www.ico.org.uk.

If you wish to raise a complaint regarding the service you have received or the conduct of any UKRI staff in relation to your request, please see [UKRI's complaints policy](#)¹.

Yours sincerely,


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