

30 November 2020

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Dear Sir/Madam

## **CO-FUNDING SUPPORT FOR SAFE MANAGEMENT OFFICERS (“SMO SUPPORT”)**

The \$1.36 billion Construction Support Package was earlier announced on 27 June 2020. One component of the Construction Support Package is the co-funding of 50% of salaries of SMOs (SMO Support) who are Singapore Citizens or Singapore Permanent Residents (SC/SPR) for six months from September 2020 to February 2021, provided the firms adhere to COVID-Safe Worksite practices.

2 The Government also further announced an extension of the Jobs Support Scheme (JSS) on 17 August 2020 to provide 50% and 30% support for the Built Environment sector from September to October 2020; and November 2020 to March 2021, respectively.

### **Support level, funding cap and qualifying costs for SMO Support**

3 Given that the extended JSS support will be provided till March 2021, **there will be a 20% SMO Support “top up”, to maintain a 50% support level for the salary of SMOs from November 2020 to February 2021.** Please see Annex A for more details including eligibility for the support, the amount and how to apply.

4 BCA will contact eligible firms via email from 30 November 2020 onwards on the submission process.

### **Application and disbursement**

5 **Eligible firms contacted by BCA must submit the necessary documents by 11 February 2021 to qualify for the SMO Support.**

6 The SMO Support will be credited directly to eligible firms through GIRO. To receive the one-off disbursement by 28 February 2021:

- **Firms should have a valid bank account registered with Vendors@Gov by 20 February 2021.**

7 Firms that do not have a bank account registered with Vendors@Gov can do so at <http://www.vendors.gov.sg>. **A login user guide can be found [here](#).** Please note that firms require

a CorpPass to register with Vendors@Gov. Details on CorpPass can be found at <http://www.corppass.gov.sg>.

8 BCA will approve the disbursement of the support to employers only if the project worksite does not have COVID-Safe related Stop Work Orders (SWOs) in BCA's records during the funding period, prior to disbursement.

Yours faithfully,

MR. REGINALD WEE  
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BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY

## ANNEX A: FACTSHEET ON CO-FUNDING SUPPORT FOR SAFE MANAGEMENT OFFICERS (SMOs) (SMO SUPPORT)

### About the Scheme

One of the restart criteria is the appointment of SMO on project site. The Government will co-fund the wages of SMOs to provide support to employers on the compliance costs incurred.

To help firms defray the cost of deploying SMOs, the Government will co-fund 50% of salaries of SMOs who are Singapore Citizens or Permanent Residents (SC/SPR) for six months from September 2020 to February 2021, provided that the firms adhere to COVID-Safe Worksite practices.

- Government will co-fund 50% of the first \$4,600 of gross monthly wages for each SC/SPR SMO. This will be effected through a combination of the extended Jobs Support Scheme (JSS) and the SMO co-funding “top up” as follows:

<b>Salaries for SMOs paid in:</b>	<b>JSS Support (from IRAS)</b>	<b>SMO Co-funding “Top Up” (from BCA)</b>	<b>Total Govt Support</b>
Sep 2020 – Oct 2020	50%	Nil	50%
Nov 2020 – Feb 2021	30%	<b>20%</b>	
Mar 2021	30%	Nil	30%

- BCA’s SMO co-funding “top up” amount, also known as SMO Support, is capped at:
  - \$3,680 split equally over 4 months (\$920 per month) from November 2020 to February 2021;
  - 1 unique SMO for each construction project

### Qualifying Criteria

- SMO must be SC/SPR
- Eligible firms are main contractors with ongoing construction projects:
  - approved by BCA to restart as at 1 November 2020;
  - require SMOs as per BCA’s COVID-Safe Worksite requirements; and
  - yet to obtain Temporary Occupation Permit (TOP) or Certificate of Statutory Completion (CSC) during the SMO co-funding “top up” period (Nov 2020 to Feb 2021).

**Key dates to note:**

Application

**From 30 Nov 2020** – Eligible firms will be contacted by BCA to submit the necessary documents

**By 11 Feb 2021** – Firms contacted by BCA must submit the necessary documents to qualify for the SMO Support:

- Online application/declaration form;
- Letter of Award for each declared construction project

Disbursement

**By 20 Feb 2021** – Firms should have a valid bank account registered with Vendors@Gov

**By 28 Feb 2021** – One-off disbursement credited directly to eligible firms through GIRO