

PROMOTING PRODUCTIVITY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AVIATION SECTOR



The first round of PIC received favourable feedback from the industry and several companies expressed interest to participate in a second run.

Receiving favourable feedback from the industry on its Process Innovation Challenge (PIC) initiative, the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) has launched the second round – PIC2. The PIC is aimed at supporting the development of small-scale, quick-win initiatives that lead to productivity improvement and process innovation in the aviation sector. It encourages intra-industry learning and the adoption of good ideas across the aviation sector.

The PIC1 saw the funding of eight projects from seven companies. Each project met or exceeded their respective key performance indicators and achieved a productivity gain of at least 20%.

“After implementing the new system, significant improvements were achieved. For example, we achieved more than 50% reduction in the time spent on preparing and distributing production documents,” noted PIC1 participant, Diethelm Keller Aviation Pte Ltd.

PIC2, like its predecessor, is a competition-based incentive scheme that is open to all Singapore-based companies. S\$1,520,000 has been set aside to encourage companies to carry out small-scale, quick-win initiatives that can lead to significant productivity improvement outcomes. Up to 20 projects will be selected for funding at S\$75,000 or 50% of the project cost, whichever is lower. The projects should each lead to at least a 10% productivity gain, and participants must complete their projects within a nine-month period.

The scheme will also include incentives that reward the efforts of teams that complete their projects according to their timeline. Additional awards will be offered to the first 10 teams that complete their projects.

The deadline for PIC2 submissions is 28 February 2013. Successful candidates will be notified by May 2013 with all projects to be completed by February 2014.

For more information on the programme, please go to [PIC2](#).