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**Subject: Innovative Medicines Initiative – Second Call for Proposals**

The Medicines Authority would like to bring to your attention that the Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) is going to issue the second call for proposals. The funding available for the new call is €76.8 million provided by the European Commission, plus at least matching in kind contributions from member companies of the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA).

The Innovative Medicines Initiative is a unique Public-Private Partnership (PPP) between the pharmaceutical industry represented by the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA) and the European Communities represented by the European Commission.

The call for proposals will be launched officially on the 30th October 2009. An information day will be held to provide relevant information for potential applicants from academic teams, SMEs and non-profit organisations on Tuesday 17 November 2009 in Brussels-Expo, Brussels.

The information day will provide an overview of the IMI and all practical information to be involved in IMI projects, focusing on the submission of expressions of interest for the 2nd call. The agenda will include workshops dedicated to the topics of the 2nd call. For more information and registration, you are invited to visit the IMI website by clicking on the following URL:  
[http://imi.europa.eu/index\\_en.html](http://imi.europa.eu/index_en.html).