

Map of Regional Innovation Cluster Program (Global Type)

1. Purpose

To establish globally competitive, world-class knowledge clusters to attract human resources, technologies and funds from all over the world. This will be achieved by collaborating with other regions inside and outside of Japan and strategically developing a wide range of activities, such as promoting integrated research and development activities by industry, academia and government, fostering technological "seeds" and expanding knowledge clusters.

2. Budget and Outline

- FY2010 budget: 7.9 billion yen
- The following two types of projects are conducted depending on how far the regional cluster formation has progressed.
 - ◆Second stage project Approx. 500 million to 1 billion yen x 5 years 9 areas
 - Promotes wide-area/international activities with the potential to create innovation - instead of focusing on activities conducted by individual local governments - and also strengthens collaboration among projects undertaken by central government ministries.
 - ◆Innovative stage project Approx. 300 million to 500 million yen x 5 years 4 areas
 - Promotes the formation of medium-sized regional clusters with technological cores aiming for the global development of the region.
- Relevant regions are required to execute projects costing the equivalent of more than 50% of national expenditure in order to become more self-sustainable.

