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## SME Initiative Launches New RFP

The Small & Medium Enterprise (SME) Initiative is pleased to announce a **special call for proposals** to its Competitive Research Fund on Entrepreneurship and SME Growth. This request for proposals has a focus on **High-Growth Entrepreneurship in Latin America** and is funded by the **Multilateral Investment Fund of the Inter-American Development Bank (MIF/IDB)**. The objective of this call is to fund studies which will contribute to existing knowledge about fast-growing small and medium enterprises and examine policies that identify and support them. In view of this objective, proposals should focus on "transformational" rather than subsistence entrepreneurship. Funding will be allocated competitively to projects which address relevant research questions, use rigorous methods, and have the utmost policy relevance in the area of fast-growing businesses in Latin America.

This round of funding is open to all researchers and institutions without restrictions on eligibility. Please see the [full RFP description](#), the [application form](#), and [budgeting guidelines](#). Complete proposals should be mailed to [sme-fund@poverty-action.org](mailto:sme-fund@poverty-action.org) by **5:00 pm EST on May 5th, 2014**.

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