
Guideline for Submitting Innovation Offers

We receive many offers of technical innovations from parties outside the Bosch-Group. To protect the interests of the party submitting the innovation offer as well as those of our company, the handling of such offers should follow these guidelines:

1. In general, innovation offers can only be evaluated if they are described in sufficient technical detail. They must also be the subject of an application for an industrial property right. This creates a solid basis for possible later negotiations, and for determining the respective rights of all parties. This is particularly relevant in cases where our company is engaged in developments or other activities in the same or similar field as the innovation offer.
2. In exceptional cases we may evaluate innovation offers for which there is no application for industrial property rights. In this case, the party making the offer must bear any risks related to securing his or her rights to the innovation. In such cases we will not accept any claims related to the innovation offer. However we will of course respect all rights of the offering party.
3. Innovation offers received will be submitted to the relevant technical departments within the Bosch-Group for evaluation. We will use the material submitted to us exclusively for examination of the offer submitted. While such offers will be treated with the same care we normally exercise with our own business materials, we cannot assume any further liability.
4. We will do our best to evaluate and respond to the innovation offer as soon as possible. Due to the great number of offers we receive, the evaluation process needs a certain amount of time. This should not normally exceed eight weeks.
5. In the case of a rejection a reason is not normally given. Such a rejection should not be seen as a judgement about the value of an offer, but is likely to be due to internal business considerations.
6. Please note that the Bosch-Group may independently develop innovations similar or identical with your innovation offer. We may also request or receive information on such innovations from other parties.
7. We would appreciate it if you send your innovation offer in English or German.