**Section 545.130 Eligible Applicants**

Section 2001 of the Act specifies entities eligible to apply for funding under the Technology Challenge Grant Program. Eligible applicants include:

a) Institutions – Eligible institutions include *universities, colleges, community colleges, nonprofit research foundations or laboratories, State research institutions, and industry technology associations*.

b) Technology Partnerships – Technology Partnerships include any *partnership or consortium established by a formal project agreement between*:

1) *two or more private industries, or*

2) *any combination of one or more private industries with one or more universities, colleges, community colleges, nonprofit research laboratories, nonprofit research foundations, or State research institutions.*

c) Private Enterprise – This category includes *any private sector enterprise developing or commercializing technology or leveraging federal technology development financing, including but not limited to the small business innovation research program.* [20 ILCS 700/2001]