

## Innovation Challenge Backgrounder

- Innovation Challenges are a response to requests from Government ministries, agencies and crowns to provide better services to Saskatchewan citizens by incorporating technology solutions created by the Saskatchewan technology community.
- Innovation Saskatchewan is working with the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities to find solutions for the question “How can technology be used as a tool to obtain permission from rural property owners before accessing their land?”
- Anyone can participate including individuals, groups, or companies. There are no restrictions to apply; however, there is an emphasis on Saskatchewan-created technology.
- Interested applicants can submit their proposed solutions to Innovation Saskatchewan for consideration by April 30, 2019.
- A winner will be selected through a competitive process and will receive funding of up to \$10,000 and a 16-week residency to develop their solution in collaboration with Innovation Saskatchewan, SARM, and a government ministry or authority.
- Submitted proposals will be evaluated by a team with representatives from Innovation Saskatchewan, SARM, technical experts, and stakeholders that may benefit and use the solution. The criteria will include evaluating the proposed solution for applicability, how the solution would be applied, whether the solution is technically feasible, whether it is an innovative solution, the background of the team that submitted the proposal, and similar projects the team has worked on prior. Submissions will be shortlisted, and these candidates will be asked to submit a more detailed proposal and pitch their solution in front of a group of key stakeholders. The committee will select a challenge winner who will begin working with SARM and government partners in May 2019.

For more information, please visit [innovationsask.ca](http://innovationsask.ca).