

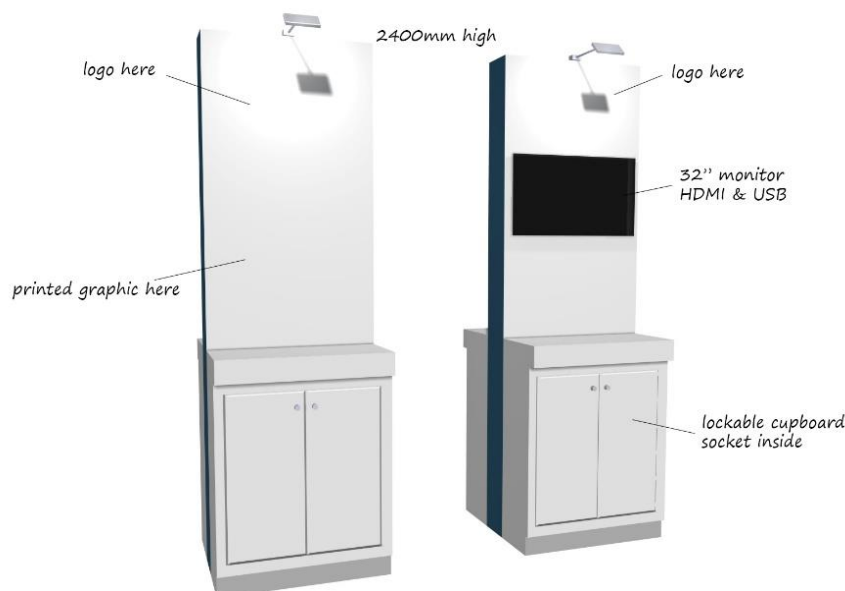
## The Innovation Hub at Low Carbon Networks & Innovation Conference 2017 Information

There are 16 pods available for companies to apply for these are sponsored and subsidised by the delivery partners (BEAMA, EIC, ESC and Innovate UK). Pod hire is therefore only £500+VAT for each start-up company. **Please note the cost of the pod hire does not include entry into the LCNI exhibition. Companies will need to sign up separately for the event as attendees and purchase delegate passes.**

Each pod will include:

- Cupboard space
- Shelf for laptops and publications
- Graphic area
- Power
- Company branding on the pod
- Support with networking and personal introductions to network operator innovation teams
- Online promotion by Innovate UK, BEAMA, ESC and EIC prior to and during the event, via organisation websites and social media channels.

Below is a more detailed view of an individual pod.



If you would like to apply please [click here](#) to complete the application form online, closing date for applications is the **29th of September 2017** for any questions please contact

[charlie.may@beama.org.uk](mailto:charlie.may@beama.org.uk). Companies will need to meet a certain criteria to be able to exhibit on the innovation hub please see below more information for eligibility. Once applications have been received the delivery partners will then assign pods based on a first come first served basis provided companies are eligible as per the criteria set out below.

**The design and layout of this year’s stand will be available shortly. However, if you wish to see where the innovation hub will be located [click here](#) to view the floor plan we have stands A10/12/13.**

## Important information: background to the sector and the event

For those new to this sector this is extremely important information to guide you

- LCNI is an event focussing specifically on the electricity and gas distribution network operators, and the respective transmission and system operator companies. For information on these companies and the scope of their role please see this recently updated [Energy Network Association guide](#)
- Network operator companies DO NOT:
  - own energy generation assets of any kind
  - buy or sell energy in any way, nor have a commercial relationship with energy users (with the exception of some industrial users for demand response)

## Eligibility Criteria

Company category	Employees	Turnover or Balance sheet total	
Medium-sized	< 250	≤ € 50 m	≤ € 43 m
Small	< 50	≤ € 10 m	≤ € 10 m
Micro	< 10	≤ € 2 m	≤ € 2 m

- Your company should meet the Micro SME criteria outlined in the table above.
- Provide evidence (written) that your company is developing or is seeking to develop innovations aimed at gas and electricity network operators. You may operate in other sectors but feel your solution/ technology is applicable to the energy sector.
- You are not already exhibiting with another organisation at the event
- You need to be a registered UK company
- If you do not fit the above criteria but still feel you have a strong case for inclusion in the innovation zone please get in touch.