Launching Youth Entrepreneurship and Innovation

Recommendation Form

LIFT- OFF Entrepreneurial Leadership Discovery Program (ELDP)
Enabling Youth Entrepreneurship and Innovation

To the Recommender: The below named person is applying for acceptance into the **Entrepreneurial Leadership Discovery Program** and has requested your recommendation.

The Entrepreneurial Leadership Discovery Program (ELDP) is an intensive highly interactive training and enrichment program designed to support youth under 26 years of age who have a strong entrepreneurial spirit and who want to start an innovative new business or social enterprise. The program aims to build the confidence and professional skills of these aspiring youth and create a next generation of entrepreneurs able to employ effective leadership practices. By the end of the program, participants will have acquired the skills and know-how to act on their ideas and to pitch their new ventures to potential partners and investors.

Please complete the questionnaire below and return it to the applicant. If you prefer that it remains confidential, please send a scanned copy to liftoff@iie-egypt.org or fax to (+202) 2524217. Please note the candidate's application is incomplete without this recommendation. It is due April 28, 2011 by 2:00 pm.

Name of Applicant *(First, Middle, Last):* _____

Recommender's Information

Name *(First, Middle, Last):* _____

Address: _____ **Mobile Number:** _____

E-mail Address: _____

Current Employer: _____ **Occupation:** _____

How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

Please indicate why you would like to recommend the applicant and please share some of the applicant's traits that you feel qualify him/her for the ELDP Program:

Please rank the applicant in the following areas:	**Low**		**Average**		**High**	
Interest and passion for entrepreneurship and innovation	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	Unknown
Ability to spot potential markets and act on new ideas	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	Unknown
Enjoys taking on new challenges and is a risk-taker by nature	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	Unknown
Decision-maker who has high potential to launch a successful new venture	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	Unknown
Learns by doing and not afraid to make mistakes	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	Unknown
Works well and participates actively in a group learning environment	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	Unknown
Strength of character – integrity, reliability and determination	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	Unknown
High commitment to Egypt's development and growth	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	Unknown
Working knowledge of English	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	Unknown

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Certification: By signing, you confirm that the information provided above is factual and that you have also read the ELDP Program Announcement.

Recommender's Signature: **Date:**

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