**Pre-Application Checklist**

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Startup Visa program through North Forge Technology Exchange. We are excited to review your application and consider you for this opportunity.

Before proceeding to the application form, please carefully review the following pre-application checklist. This is to ensure that you meet all the requirements and that your application is complete. Please ensure that **all of the answers are "YES"** before proceeding:

If you answered "NO" to **any** of the following questions, you may not meet the minimum requirements to apply for the Startup Visa program. In such cases, we encourage you to review the eligibility criteria again and consider applying in the future when you meet all the requirements.

☐ Is your business idea innovative and in the TECH industry?

☐ Will your business create jobs for Canadians?

☐ Is your business scalable globally?

☐ Does the business have **1-5** founders?

☐ Do **all** applying founders have a **minimum** Canadian Language Benchmark score of 5 in listening, reading, writing, and speaking as per IRCC?

☐ Are you planning to start your business in any province **other than** Quebec?

☐ Are you able to provide to the IRCC proof of settlement funds for **each** applying founder?

☐ Are you able to provide proof of funds to **fully** support your business in Canada?

☐ Do all applying founders **together** own **at least** 51% of the company's shares?

☐ Does **each** applying founder own **at least** 10% of the company's shares individually?

☐ Are **all** applying founders able to provide criminality checks **to the IRCC** from countries that they have lived in?

☐ Are **all** applying founders able to declare any previous immigration refusals?

☐ For **all** applicants who are applying from **inside** Canada, do you have a **valid** immigration Status?