

Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)/Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Programs

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Office of Technology administers the SBIR and STTR programs. The programs are competitive grants that ensures that the nation's small business, high tech, innovative businesses are a significant part of the federal government's research and development efforts. Several federal agencies including the National Aeronautical and Space Administration (NASA) and the Department of Defense participate in the programs.

Although the city cannot directly participate in the program, small high tech companies can qualify for federal assistance. The FY2011 appropriation for the program has not been finalized and as a result the program has not solicited proposals for the current fiscal year.

Recommendation. The SBIR/STTR programs administered by the Small Business Administration be funded in FY2011 and FY2012.