**R&D Contracts Available**

Below are several government resources available to fund research and development opportunities.

### Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Programs

SBIR and STTR Contracts are available to promote research and development in various areas. Federal agencies offer these contracts and other programs to encourage research and development.

The Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program is a competitive, three-phase program that provides funding to domestic small businesses engaging in Federal research and development that has the potential for commercialization. Multiple agencies provide SBIR contracts.

The Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) program is a competitive, three-phase program similar to the SBIR program. The STTR focuses on providing opportunities for small businesses and U.S. research institutions to collaborate. The five agencies currently participating in the STTR program are the Department of Defense, the Department of Energy, the Department of Health and Human Services, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the National Science Foundation.

### SBIR Eligibility Requirements

1. Organized as a for-profit business based in the U.S.
2. No more than 500 employees, including affiliates
3. Primary employment must be with the small business
4a. At least 51% owned by U.S. citizens or permanent residents AND independently operated
   OR
4b. At least 51% owned and controlled by another for-profit business that is at least 51% owned and controlled by U.S. citizens or permanent residents

### STTR Eligibility Requirements

1. Organized as a for-profit business based in the U.S.
2. Formal cooperative research and development effort with:
   a. Minimum 40% by small business
   b. Minimum 30% by a U.S. research institution
3. The U.S. research institution must be one of the following:
   a. A college or university
   b. Another non-profit research organization
   c. A federal research and development center
4. Follow-on R&D commercialization efforts
The National Science Foundation (NSF)

NSF aims to promote the progress of science and to advance the national health, prosperity and welfare. NSF funds research and education in most fields of science and engineering through grants, and cooperative agreements to more than 2,000 colleges, universities, K-12 school systems, businesses, informal science organizations and other research organizations throughout the United States.

NSF Resources:
About NSF Funding:
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/aboutfunding.jsp

A-Z Funding Opportunities:
http://www.nsf.gov/funding/azindex.jsp

SBIR/STTR Resources:
SBIR and STTR Information:
http://www.sbir.gov/

Department of Defense Assistance:

NASA Assistance:
http://www.osbp.nasa.gov/SBIR-STTR.html
http://sbir.nasa.gov/SBIR/contracts.htm

Small Business Administration Assistance:
http://www.sba.gov/about-sba-services/7050

National Institute of Standards and Technology Assistance: http://www.nist.gov/tpo/sbir/

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