



What has the SBTC done lately?

The Small Business Technology Council (SBTC) was instrumental in the reauthorization of the SBIR Act in late 2011. Since then, we have engaged, and will continue to engage, federal agencies to make sure they are implementing the changes enacted into law. However, much of the SBTC's focus has now been extended to broader, more diverse advocacy.

The following is a sample of actions recently taken by the Small Business Technology Council:

12/18/13 - Executive Director Jere Glover testified in Senate Small Business Committee Roundtable on changes to the SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Act. [more](#)

1/16/14 - DCAA Committee met with DCAA HQ, which led to the issuing of a memo clarifying documentation requirements for consulting costs. [more](#)

2/3/14 - Sent letter to the Senate Science and Small Business Committee explaining our opposition to the TRANSFER Act, which would redirect 22% of the funds from the STTR program to fund new University research programs. [more](#)

2/13/14 - Sent letter to SBA Office of Advocacy detailing problems in the Innovation Act for small business inventors and asking SBA to discuss these issues with Congress. [more](#)

3/7/14 - Sent letter to SBA voicing our concerns about the granting of waivers to NIH SBIR award size limits for 284 topics, and requesting to see justification for those waivers. [more](#)

4/17/14 - Submitted comments to DOD Inspector General regarding flaws and shortcomings in a DOD IG Report on IP protections for SBIR Phase III contractors. [more](#)

5/14/14 - Updated Phase III Contracting Q&A with more detailed and current information. [more](#)

5/21/14 - SBTC Co-Chair Bob Schmidt testified before the House Committee on Small Business on improvements and changes to the SBIR program. [more](#)

6/17/14 - Drafted primer on the SBIR program as a handout for those congressional staffers and government officials who are not familiar with the program. [more](#)

6/17/14 - DCAA Committee met with DCAA HQ to discuss ongoing efforts to reform the incurred cost audit process for DOD small businesses. [more](#)

6/24/14 - During our annual membership meeting in Washington, DC, members were addressed by representatives from Congress, the SBA and various agencies. [more](#)

6/25/14 - Drafted detailed white paper offering suggestions on how to improve the SBIR program to increase commercialization returns. [more](#)

7/22/14 - Sent letter to Speaker Boehner and Congress endorsing the TROL Act patent reform legislation, in lieu of the Innovation Act. [more](#)

7/24/14 - Sent letter to President Obama endorsing Phil Johnson for Director of the US Patent and Trademark Office. [more](#)