



## 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:

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](#)

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

9/10/14 – Sent Letter to House and Senate Armed Services Committee asking them to allow the Comprehensive Subcontracting Plan Test Program to expire at the end of 2014. [more](#)

10/16/14 – Distributed Navy's SBIR & STTR Phase III Guidebook to membership, encouraged members to utilize this guidebook as an essential desk reference when pursuing Phase III contracts. [more](#)

12/15/14 – Solicited all SBIR and RIF recipients to complete a brief survey asking them to provide information on their experiences with Phase III contracting and the RIF program.

1/6/15 – Submitted Formal Comment to SBA on SBIR & STTR Data Rights and Phase III Policy Directives. [more](#)

1/12/15 – Sent letter to NIH SBIR/STTR Program Manager Matthew Portnoy, raising concerns about how financial review criteria for indirect cost rates for NIH audits are conducted. [more](#)

1/29/15 – Compiled and finalized data from the Phase III & RIF Survey, shared our findings with DOD, SBA, and Congress, in an effort to improve training and education of PEOs and Contracting Officers. [more](#)

2/4/15 – Sent a 1-page letter to all members of the House Judiciary Committee asking that they oppose the Innovation Act, which would create a disproportionate legal and financial burden on small business inventors trying to obtain and defend patents. [more](#)

3/5/15 – Formed a new DOE Phase III Policy Committee for members who do business with the Department of Energy, for the purpose of reaching out to the DOE to improve and clarify its Phase III policy.

3/19/15 – SBTC Co-Chair Bob Schmidt testified before the Senate Small Business & Entrepreneurship Committee about the patent reform efforts under consideration by Congress, and the damaging effect that they could potentially have on small business invention. [more](#)