



## What has the SBTC done lately?

While the Small Business Technology Council works on an array of important issues, the primary focus this year has been the effort to reauthorize the SBIR and STTR programs, with a significant allocation increase, and to make them permanent. While we did get bills out of the House and Senate Small Business Committees that met these goals (S 2812 and HR 4783), they were slowed by objections to the allocation increases, and were not included in the House or Senate NDAA's. We are still working to try to get them attached to different bills this year, but if that doesn't work, we will be ready to start the process again in the next Congress. [reauthorization update page](#)

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

12/18/15 – After calling Congress' attention to ongoing accounting problems related to DCAA audits, the Senate Armed Services Committee included in the 2016 National Defense Authorization Act a provision (Sec. 873) that will exempt SBIR companies from Certified Cost and Pricing Data Requirements and DCAA subpoenas. SBTC is continuing to work with the Armed Services Committee to tighten up the language in future legislation to make sure it helps small businesses with their accounting burden as much as possible. [Sec. 873 in 2016 NDAA](#)

1/14/16 – Met with DOD Office of Small Business Programs to discuss how to improve and incentivize SBIR Phase III use at the DOD, and what changes to the SBIR program might be included in any reauthorization legislation that could help facilitate Phase III use.

1/28/16 – SBTC Executive Director Jere Glover testified before the Senate Small Business Committee in a hearing on SBIR/STTR Reauthorization. In his testimony, Jere laid out the case for increasing the set-aside for the SBIR/STTR programs, reauthorizing the programs permanently, and simplifying contracting and auditing to combat "requirement creep". [more](#)

3/16-4/16 – SBTC organized an outreach and education campaign of members of Congress and staffers in the Senate Small Business and Armed Services Committees, and the House Small Business and Science Committees, to make the case for an early SBIR/STTR reauthorization this year that includes permanency and a significant allocation increase. Included dozens of meetings in the House and Senate and outreach to companies in key members' districts.

4/7/16 – SBTC was invited to participate in a stakeholders' roundtable meeting at the Senate Small Business Committee to go over the particulars of the Senate SBIR/STTR reauthorization bill (S 2812), and offer our opinions and comments to the included provisions.

5/19/16 – Sent letter urging the Senate Armed Services Committee to include SBIR/STTR reauthorization language in FY2017 National Defense Authorization Act signed by 12 small business organizations and nearly 300 SBIR companies [more](#)

5/30/16 – SBTC Chair Bob Schmidt submitted an amicus brief for a case involving patent reviews currently being considered by the Supreme Court. This case involves *Inter Partes Reviews*, and could impact how effectively small businesses with patents are able to protect their intellectual property from large businesses who infringe on it. [more](#)

6/7/16 – SBTC held its annual membership meeting in Washington, DC. Our members were briefed by Senate & House Staffers on the latest updates of the SBIR/STTR Reauthorization effort, and discussed proposed amendments to the Policy Directives with SBA Innovation Director John Williams. In addition, our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Champion of Small Business Technology Commercialization" Awards were presented to the best PEOs, COs, and PMs in the SBIR program. [more](#)

7/6/16 – SBTC submitted a comment to the SBA on its proposed amendments to the SBIR/STTR policy directives, offering a number of technical changes, but in particular asking SBA to revise its changes to data rights protections to make sure SBIR data rights are not weakened. [more](#)