



***SBTC Washington Membership Meeting***  
***June 12, 2018***

**AGENDA**

10:00AM – Introductions & Coffee

10:30AM – Congressional Panel

- Kevin Wheeler – Deputy Staff Director, Senate Small Business Committee
- Renee Bender – Professional Staffer, Senate Small Business Committee
- Halimah Locke – Professional Staffer, House Small Business Committee

12:00PM – Awards

- Presentation of 2018 Champions of Small Business Technology  
Commercialization Awards
- Presentation of Small Business Advocacy Lifetime Achievement Awards

12:30PM – Agency SBIR/STTR Panel

- Manny Oliver – DOE SBIR/STTR Program Manager
- Jennifer Shieh – White House Office of Science & Technology Policy (OSTP)
- Dr. Charles Cleland – USDA SBIR/STTR Program Leader



## ***2018 Champion of Small Business Technology Commercialization Winners***

The following winners of the Small Business Technology Council's 2018 "Champion of Small Business Technology Commercialization" Awards represent some of the best PMs, PEOs, and COs in government. They were nominated by SBIR/STTR firms for going above and beyond in helping small businesses through the process of pursuing commercialization/follow-on awards such as SBIR Phase III, Phase IIB/Bridge, or RIF (or other post-Phase II commercialization contracts).

All of these winners were praised for their leadership, knowledge, and diligence in working to advocate for and assist small business in receiving the resources they need to advance their technologies, while at the same time meeting the needs of the agency they work for. The SBIR program is a partnership between small business and government, and without their assistance, many of the high-tech innovations these companies will produce would never have had the chance to succeed.

### **Beth Atkinson**

*Senior Research Psychologist  
US Navy*

### **Brian Bard**

*Program Manager, Administration for Community Living  
Health & Human Services*

### **Lee Ann Boyer**

*Program Manager, Navy CRP  
US Navy*

### **Dr. Charles Cleland**

*SBIR National Program Lead  
US Department of Agriculture, NIFA*

### **Jerry "Rodney" Couick**

*Staff Director  
Region 5, General Services Administration*

**Dr. Arden Dougan**

*Program Director, Safeguards Technology Development Program  
Department of Energy*

**David Franck**

*Program Manager, ePLM IDE, Naval Surface Warfare Center  
US Navy*

**Tracy Frost**

*Director, DOD Manufacturing Technology  
Department of Defense*

**Emily Harman**

*Director, Naval Office of Small Business Programs  
US Navy*

**Craig Owens**

*Principal SBIR Program Manager  
Lockheed Martin*

**Dr. Khanh Pham**

*Senior Aerospace Engineer, AFRL  
US Air Force*

**Jerry Provenza**

*Program Manager, AFRL  
US Air Force*

**James Sweeney**

*Technology Lead, Air Force CRP  
US Air Force*

**Carlos Torrez**

*SBIR/STTR Program Manager  
National Aeronautics and Space Administration*

## *Small Business Champion of Innovation Award*

### **Renee Bender**

*Professional Staffer*

*US Senate Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship*

## *Small Business Lifetime Achievement Awards*

### **Emily Murphy**

*Administrator*

*General Services Administration*

"For a lifetime of work in consistently improving Small Business Access to Federal Contracting at the DoD and across the Federal Government."

### **Allen Baker**

*Senior Policy Analyst, SBIR/STTR Program*

*US Navy*

"For a Lifetime of work in advocating for and improving the SBIR/STTR programs at the Navy, DOD, and across the Federal Government."