



What has the SBTC done lately?

The Small Business Technology Council works on a wide array of important issues, primarily focused on improving and strengthening the SBIR/STTR programs. We are happy to say that SBIR/STTR reauthorization language was included in the 2017 National Defense Authorization Act that passed Congress on December 8, 2016. The language calls for a simple extension of the programs for 5 years, to September 30, 2022, without any allocation increases, reports, or pilot programs included. [SBIR/STTR Reauthorization Passes Congress](#)

In August of 2018, the Congress passed the [fy2019 NDAA, HR 5515](#), which included a number of minor provisions related to SBIR that reauthorized several pilot programs (including the 3% Administrative Funds provision), increased reporting requirements for agencies, and instructed the DOD to speed up contracting for small business. [Click here to view a list of SBIR-related provisions from the fy2019 NDAA.](#)

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

12/1/17 – Met with Director of DOD Office of Small Business Programs to discuss the AT&L restructuring, and ways and initiatives to elevate SBIR/STTR program under the new R&E directorate

1/30/18 – The DOD “Section 809 Panel” released its long awaited report recommending ways to streamline and improve the DOD’s acquisition systems. “Subrecommendation 21b”, recommended more than doubling the SBIR program’s allocation from 3.2% to 7%, and making it permanent. These recommendations have been included in a Senate draft bill that has not yet been released. SBTC has strongly supported these recommendations and has asked Senators to co-sponsor this bill. [more](#)

3/18-5/18 – Had several high-level meetings with the Administrator of GSA and her staff to discuss ways to leverage GSA schedules for SBIR Phase III contracting at other agencies. Utilizing GSA as a “contract shop” for other agencies who want to give SBIR companies Phase III awards will speed up the contracting process and help standardize language. To help facilitate this, SBTC helped get language included in the fy2019 NDAA to eliminate paperwork obstacles at the DOD.

6/12/18 – SBTC held its annual membership meeting in the Senate Small Business Committee Hearing room in Washington, DC. Our members were briefed by Senate & House Staffers on the latest updates on the Hill, and discussed agency SBIR policy and initiatives with SBIR/STTR Program Directors. In addition, our 4th annual “Champion of Small Business Technology Commercialization” Awards were presented to the best PEOs, COs, and PMs in the SBIR program. [more](#)

7/3/18 – SBTC offers its endorsement of the Restoring America’s Leadership in Innovation Act of 2018 (RALIA), which will roll back some of the more harmful and onerous changes to the patent system that were introduced by the America Invents Act in 2011. The RALIA changes will strengthen patent rights and make it easier and cheaper for small businesses to defend their intellectual property in court. [more](#)

7/26/18 – After several meetings and consultations with SBTC, GSA unveils a new pilot program for providing contracting services to Agencies for SBIR Phase III work. SBTC believes this program could dramatically increase the speed and availability of Phase III funding to SBIR companies, and provide a new vehicle for contracting to Agencies. Visit <https://aas.gsa.gov/sbir.html> for more information.