



## 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](#), 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. [List of SBIR-related provisions from the fy2019 NDAA](#).

Following is just a sample of actions recently taken by the Small Business Technology Council:

6/12/18 – SBTC held its annual membership meeting in Washington. 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 offered 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 unveiled 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.

8/21/18 – Participated in a technology transfer summit hosted by the Maryland Department of Commerce to discuss ways to better utilize and transition innovative new technologies into the marketplace.

9/6/18 – SBTC promoted and helped distribute the preliminary results for the new DOD-wide SBIR Economic Impact Study. This study follows similar Navy and Air Force economic impact studies, which show the SBIR generates massive economic benefits, both directly and indirectly. [more](#)

11/6/18 – Presented GSA Administrator Emily Murphy a lifetime achievement award for her efforts during her career on behalf of small business, and in particular for her spearheading the new GSA pilot program facilitating assisted acquisition contracts for other agencies issuing SBIR Phase III awards. [more](#)

11/9/18 – SBTC Board members participated in a high-level meeting with Senate Armed Services Committee at the committee’s request to discuss issues facing small business contracting at the DOD, and offer recommendations to improve them. We drafted and presented a white paper covering these issues. [more](#)

12/18 – SBTC had several meetings with members of the House Armed Services Committee and House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee to share our SASC white paper and highlight the issues and problems facing innovative small businesses working the DOD today.