



## 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:

11/9/18 – SBTC Board members participated in a 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](#)

3/19 – Groundbreaking study on economic impacts of SBIR/STTR program at the National Cancer Institute is released proving huge economic returns of SBIR/STTR awards are not limited to DOD, but civilian agencies as well. SBTC has used this study in meetings to push for an SBIR allocation increase, and more R&D funding in general at civilian agencies. [more](#)

5/2/19 – The Small Business Administration released updates to the SBIR/STTR Policy Directives, which clarify certain Phase III requirements, and extend SBIR/STTR data rights to 20 years, amongst other provisions. The SBTC has worked closely with SBA over the past year on these directives to ensure SBIR firms would not be adversely affected by any changes. [more](#)

5/15/19 – SBTC Executive Director Jere Glover Testified in a hearing before the Senate Small Business & Entrepreneurship Committee on the SBIR and STTR programs. The Small Business Committee is considering a comprehensive SBA reauthorization bill that would also include a reauthorization and improvements to SBIR/STTR. [more](#)

6/11/19 – The Small Business Technology Council hosted 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 5<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](#)

7/27/19 – SBTC participated in a high-level meeting with DOD R&E staff to discuss small business contracting in general and how the SBIR/STTR programs fit into the new R&E acquisition structure. SBTC also presented its white paper highlighting small business contracting issues with DOD that was drafted for SASC.

9/19/19 – The House Small Business Committee held a hearing on the SBIR/STTR programs, as well as other SBA innovation programs such as the Growth Accelerator Program. SBTC Board Members Alison Brown, CEO of NAVSYS; and Ron Shroder, CEO of FTI, inc, were invited to testify as witnesses. [more](#)

ONGOING – SBTC is currently working with both the House and Senate on the fy2020 NDAA, which contains provisions that would make certain changes to the SBIR/STTR.