



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.

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.

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

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](#)

10/1/19 – DOD finally releases its DOD-wide SBIR/STTR economic impact study, following similar economic impact studies published by the Navy and Air Force SBIR/STTR program offices. The DOD-wide study showed an even bigger economic impact than AF or Navy with a 22:1 return on investment, and \$347 billion in total economic output. [more](#)

1/30/20-Ongoing – We worked with the House Small Business Committee to draft a letter urging the House Defense Appropriations Committee to fund the Rapid Innovation Fund (RIF) for fy2021. This program, which SBTC helped create, was de-funded in fy2020. We had a number of Representatives agree to co-sign, but unfortunately this effort is suspended for the time being due to the coronavirus and the shift in focus by Congress to the economic recovery bills. [more](#)

2/20-Ongoing – SBTC began discussions with Air Force Under Secretary Dr. Roper and the team behind the new AFWERX on changes that have been made to the AF SBIR/STTR program. SBTC and its members believe these changes move the AF program away from the Congressional intent and will disincentivize innovation and degrade AF's small business industrial base. These discussions are still ongoing. [more](#)

3/17/20 – A webportal on sbtc.org was set up for COVID-19 relevant resources, information, and links for SBIR/STTR firms. If there is any links or relevant information you think would be beneficial to know for SBIR/STTR firms, please send to alec@sbtc.org and SBTC will add a link it to the web portal. [more](#)

4/23/20 – At SBTC's urging, DOD released a "class deviation" memo (2020-00007) to all DOD procurement and acquisitions informing and instructing them that the SBIR/STTR policy directives updated last year require them to include a 20-year period of data rights protection for all SBIR/STTR technology. Previously we had heard from members that PEOs and COs were not honoring this requirement. [more](#)

5/13/20 – SBTC hosted a teleconference on accounting for SBIR firms receiving Payment Protection Plan (PPP) loans, with a panel of three SBIR accounting experts. (recording available on sbtc.org COVID-19 web portal) [more](#)