



What has the SBTC done lately?

The Small Business Technology Council works on a wide array of important policy issues related to high-tech, R&D focused small businesses. 2022 is set to be an important year for SBIR/STTR, as the Congress continues to work on reauthorization. The programs are currently set to expire on September 30, 2022. SBTC focus for this year will be to continue to push Congress to move quickly to ensure there is no lapse or disruption in these important small business R&D programs.

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

04/27/21 – SBTC presents its recommendations to Congress on SBIR/STTR reauthorization, offering 11 specific recommendations on how to best strengthen and improve the programs. [more](#)

05/21/21 – SBTC Executive Director Jere Glover is called to testify before a House Small Business Committee Hearing titled “Overview of the Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Programs”. During this virtual hearing over 30 questions are directed to Jere on a wide variety of subjects. [more](#)

6/24/21 – SBTC met with President Biden’s Nominee for Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, Heidi Shyu, to talk about the important and unique role that small business plays in the DOD R&E innovation ecosystem. Afterwards SBTC sent a letter endorsing Shyu’s nomination to Senate Leadership. [more](#)

09/22/21 – SBTC Executive Director Jere Glover is invited to testify before the Senate Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship in a hearing on SBIR/STTR oversight. Jere again stressed the importance of making the programs permanent and not letting them lapse. [more](#)

10/21 – SBTC worked closely with Sen Coons’ staff on a bill to help high-tech small businesses improve technology transitions and commercialization outcomes. Called the RAMP for Inventors Act of 2021, this bill was introduced in late 2021, with endorsement from SBTC. [more](#)

11-12/21 – SBTC pushed the Senate to include an SBIR/STTR provision in the FY2022 NDAA. Senate Small Business Committee Chairman Cardin (D-MD) and Ranking Member Paul (R-KY) engaged in negotiations to include SBIR/STTR reauthorization at the last minute, but they could not come to an agreement and reauthorization was not included in the final bill.

02/02/22 – SBTC & SSTI draft and submit letter signed by 117 State and National organizations and universities urging Congress to move quickly to reauthorize SBIR/STTR, to prevent the programs from lapsing. [more](#)

02/04/22 – The House passes the US COMPETES Act, a comprehensive innovation bill aimed at maintaining the US’s technological superiority over its adversaries. Included in the act is a 5-year clean extension of SBIR/STTR. The Senate passed a different version of the bill that did not include an SBIR extension. The two Houses will meet in May in a conference committee to resolve the differences. SBTC will urge the conferees to keep the extension in a final bill that comes out of the committee. [more](#)

03/15/22 – SBTC submits a comment to the Federal Register regarding a proposed change to the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulations Supplement (DFARS). SBTC is concerned this change could significantly weaken data rights protections for small businesses, including SBIR recipients. SBTC recommended changes that could mitigate the damages. [more](#)