



2022 Award Winners

The 2022 SBIR reauthorization effort was one of the most difficult and contentious in the history of the program. The program might very well have come to an end were it not for the diligence and hard work of those in government who recognized its importance to the American innovation economy and fought hard to get it done. The Small Business Technology Council would like to recognize some of those Members of Congress, staffers, government officials, and others whose efforts were key in ensuring that SBIR legislation was passed before a lapse, which would have been catastrophic to America's high-tech small businesses.

Milton Stewart Award

"In recognition of your work and advocacy on behalf of America's high-tech small businesses"

Rep. Nydia Velazquez

Chair, House Small Business Committee

Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer

Ranking Member, House Small Business Committee

Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson

Chair, House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

Rep. Frank Lucas

Chair, House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

Rep. Chrissy Houlahan

Senator Ben Cardin

Chair, Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Senator John Kennedy

This award is named in honor of Milton Stewart, the first Chief Counsel for the Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy, and one of the founders of the SBIR program.

Champion of Small Business Innovation

“For Exemplary Work on behalf of America’s SBIR Community”

Delia Barr

House Small Business Committee

Elizabeth Barczak

*House Committee on Science, Space, and
Technology*

Kevin Burns

Precision Combustion, Inc.

Rebecca Callahan

*House Committee on Science, Space, and
Technology*

Susan Celis

DOD SBIR/STTR Programs

Bailey DeVries

SBA Office of Investment & Innovation

Ellen Harrington

House Small Business Committee

Stephen Ham

*Senate Committee on Small Business and
Entrepreneurship*

Melissa Jung

House Small Business Committee

Giulia Leganski

House Small Business Committee

ML Mackey

Beacon Interactive Systems

Kea Matory

National Defense Industrial Association

Barbara McQuiston

DOD OUSD for Research and Engineering

Farooq Mitha

DOD Office of Small Business Programs

Sean Moore

*Senate Committee on Small Business and
Entrepreneurship*

Erick Page-Littleford

SBA Office of Investment & Innovation

Jagadeesh Pamulapati

DOD OUSD for Research and Engineering

Jason Rittenberg

State Science & Technology Institute

Robert Smith

*Department of the Navy SBIR/STTR
programs*

Kevin Wheeler

House Small Business Committee

John Williams

SBA Office of Investment & Innovation

Robert Yavor

House Small Business Committee