

## Opportunities for R&D Partnerships

- Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)
- Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR)

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## SBIR Program

Small Business Innovation Development Act of 1982

### Congress established four major goals

- Stimulate technological innovation
- Use small business to meet federal R&D needs
- Foster and encourage participation by minorities and disadvantaged persons in technological innovation
- Increase private-sector commercialization innovations derived from federal R&D



## **STTR Program**

### Small Business Research and Development Enhancement Act of 1992

Stimulate and foster scientific and technological innovation through cooperative research and development carried out between small business concerns and research institutions

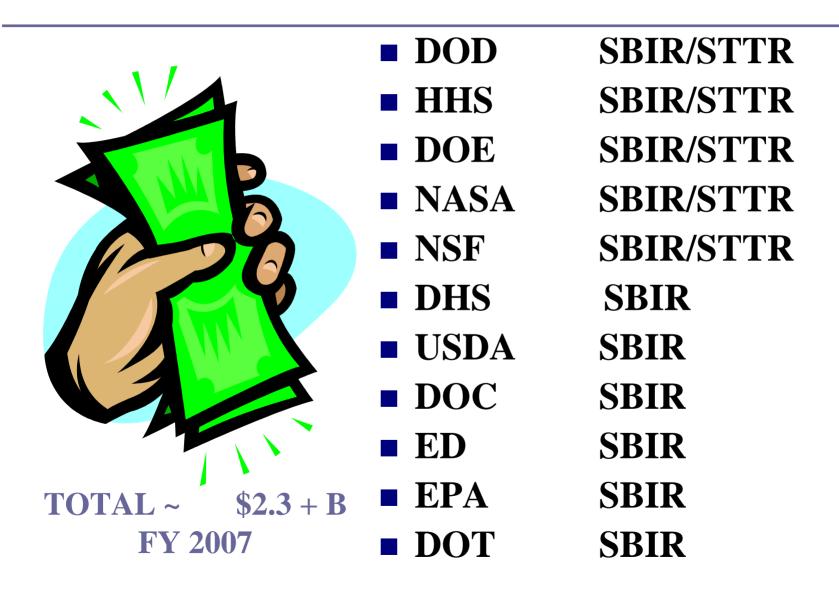
■ Foster technology transfer between small business concerns and research institutions

## **Program Descriptions**

- Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) 2.5%
  - Set-aside program for small business concerns to engage in federal R&D with potential for commercialization

- Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) 0.30%
  - Set-aside program to facilitate cooperative R&D between small business concerns <u>and</u> U.S. research institutions with potential for commercialization

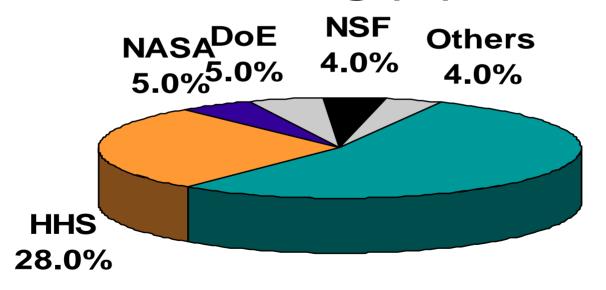
## SBIR / STTR Participating Agencies



### **SBIR Funding Allocation**

### Across Federal Government

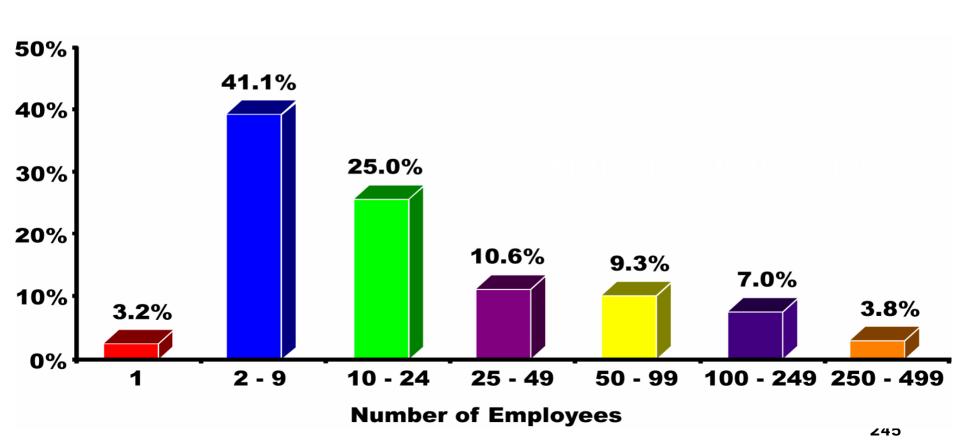
## Estimate of SBIR Agency Funding (%)



DoD 54.0%

## Who Participates in SBIR?

- ✓ Firms are typically small and new to the program.
- ✓ About 1/3 are first-time Phase I awardees.
- ✓ Small hi-tech firms from across the country.



### **Standard Phase I Process**

## Solicitation Topics



Proposal Submission



**Evaluation** 

About 6-9 months



Phase I Award

- Agencies describe R&D topics in solicitations.
- Small Business Concerns prepare short (usually 25-page)proposals.
   Unsolicited proposals not accepted.
- Agencies evaluate based on technical merit, firm's qualifications, and commercial potential/societal benefit.
- Agencies make Phase I awards.



### **Evaluation Criteria**

- Scientific and Technical Merit
- Qualifications of PI/other key personnel
- Soundness of Work Plan
- Commercial Potential

## SBIR/STTR: 3-Phase Program

### PHASE I

- Feasibility Study
- \$100K and 6-12 month award (SBIR/STTR)



### PHASE II

- Full Research/R&D
- \$750K and 2-year Award (SBIR/STTR)



#### PHASE III

- Commercialization Stage
- Use of non-SBIR/STTR Funds



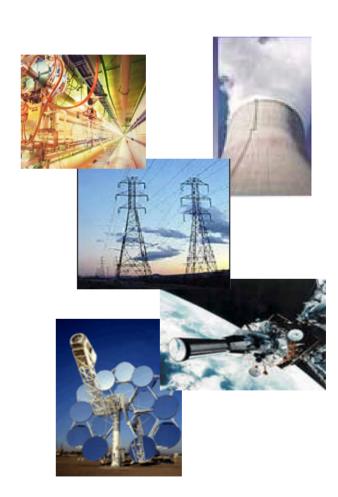
### DOE PROGRAM FEATURES

- GRANTS
- Annual Solicitation (Fall)
- \$100K Phase I (9 months)
- \$750K Phase II (24 months)
- Electronic applications only (Grants.gov)
- Must be awarded Phase I from DOE to compete in Phase II
- SBIR: PI must be employed by small business
- STTR: PI may be employed by either small business or research partner
- Commercialization assistance programs

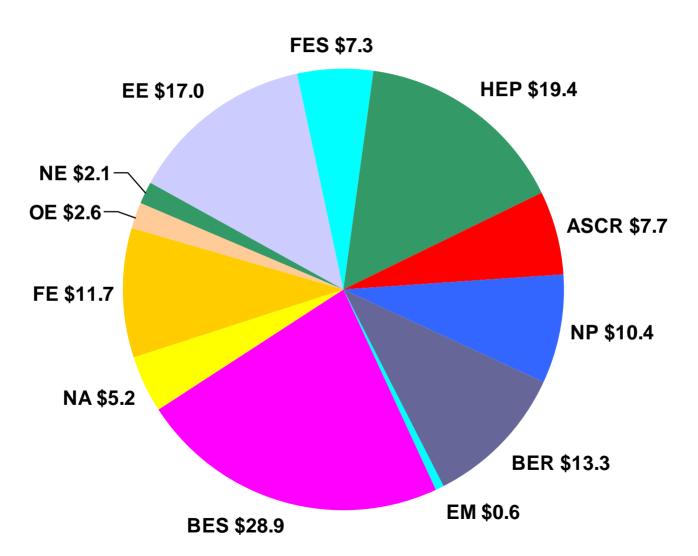
### Participating Research Programs

(FY07 dollars in millions)

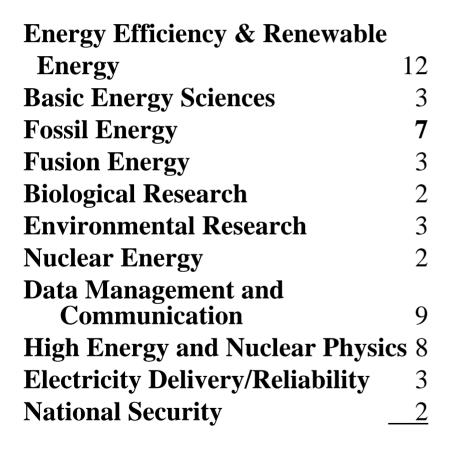
- Office of Science
  - □ Biological and Environmental Research (\$13.3)
  - □ Basic Energy Sciences (\$28.9)
  - □ Fusion Energy Sciences (\$7.3)
  - ☐ High Energy Physics (\$19.4)
  - ☐ Advanced Scientific Computing Research (\$7.7)
  - □ Nuclear Physics (\$10.4)
- Nuclear Energy (\$2.2)
- Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation (\$5.2)
- Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (\$2.6)
- Environmental Management (\$0.6)
- Fossil Energy (\$11.7)
- Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (\$17.0)



## FY 2007 SBIR/STTR Program Area Contributions (\$ in millions)



## FY 2007 SBIR/STTR TECHNICAL TOPIC **CATEGORIES**















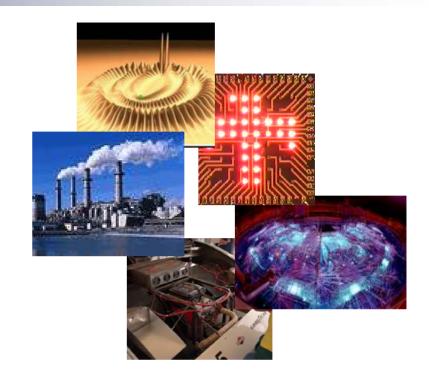




## **Topic Examples**

- Nanotechnology Applications for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
- Hydrogen Production and Delivery
- Technologies Related to Hybrid Electric Vehicles with Special Emphasis on Plug-in Hybrids
- Technology to Support National Scientific User Facilities
- Research to Support Proliferation Detection
- Materials for Advanced Nuclear Energy Systems





- Advanced Technologies and Materials for Fusion Energy Systems
- High Energy Physics Data Acquisition and Processing
- Nuclear Particle Physics and Radiation Detection Systems, Instrumentation and Techniques
- Power Electronics and Advanced Materials for Energy Storage

## Grant Application Evaluation Process

- First Step Review (Phase I applications only)
- External Peer Review
  - Scientific/Technical Approach
  - Ability to Carry Out the Project
  - □ Potential Impact
- Scoring/Ranking
- Award Selection





- Is the application responsive to the technical topic and subtopic?
- Is it for research or research and development?
- Does the application duplicate work that has already been funded?
- Does the application provide enough information to conduct further review?
- Is their a conflict of interest with respect to topic preparation?
- Does this application stand a reasonable chance of being funded compared to other applications received in the same topic/subtopic?

# DOE SBIR/STTR EVALUATION CRITERIA Phases I and II

#### 1. Strength of the Scientific/Technical Approach

To what extent does the proposed work build upon or move beyond the current state-of-theart? How new or unique is the idea? How significant is the scientific and/or technical challenge? Is a breakthrough possible? Has the applicant demonstrated knowledge of the subject? How thoroughly have the concepts been presented?

#### 2. Ability to Carry out the Project in a Cost Effective Manner

Please comment on the qualifications of the Principal Investigator (PI), other key staff, and consultants, if any, and on the level of adequacy of equipment and facilities

#### 3. Impact

Please comment on the significance of the technical and/or economic benefits of the proposed work, if successful. Please comment on the likelihood that the proposed work could lead to a marketable product or process, and on the size of the potential market. Please comment on the likelihood that the project will attract further development funding (from private sector sources or from Federal, non-SBIR/STTR sources) after the SBIR/STTR project expires.

Evidence of Commercial Potential (Phase II Only)



### FY 2007 RESULTS

#### Phase I

1318 Phase I Applications Received
 1080 Applications Sent Out for Review
 318 Selected for Award (279 SBIR, 39 STTR)

SBIR – 46 collaborations; 36 universities, 10 DOE labs STTR – 39 collaborations; 26 universities, 12 DOE labs, 1 other

#### **Phase II**

267	Phase II Applications Received
193	Phase II Applications in Funding Range
128	Selected for Award (113 SBIR, 15 STTR)

SBIR – 11 collaborations; 6 universities, 4 DOE labs, 1 other STTR – 15 collaborations; 10 universities, 5 DOE labs

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### **OVERALL SUCCESS RATES**

(Award to Submission Ratio)

	<u>SBIR</u>	<u>STTR</u>
Phase I	1 out of 6	1 out of 9
Phase II	1 out of 2	1 out of 2

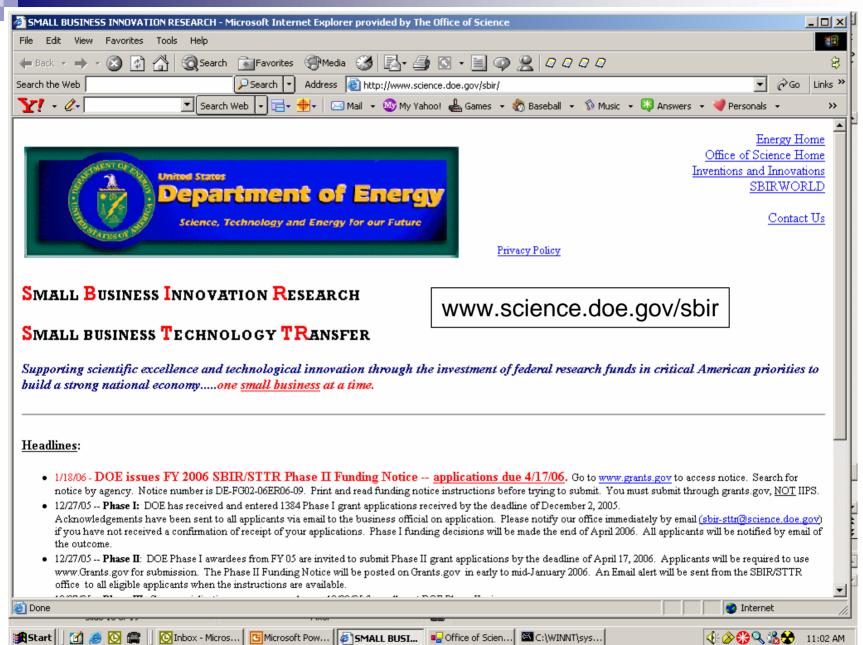
### FY 2007 Phase I

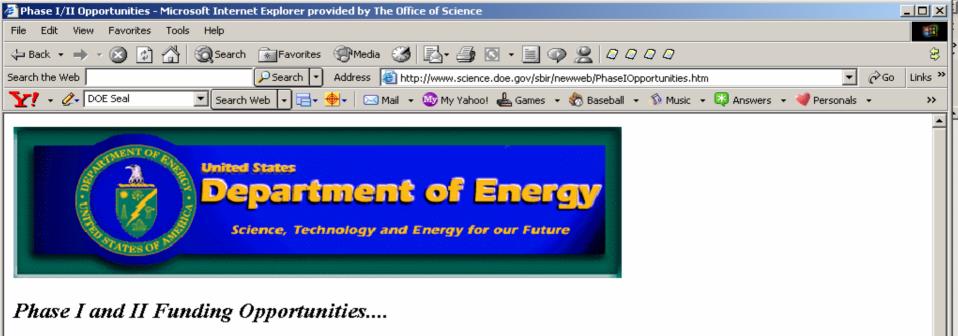
- 318 awards to 220 companies. Of those, 83 were first time winners with DOE.
- 49 of the 83 first time winners were first time applicants to DOE.

### **Outcomes**

## SBIR/STTR Program Twenty-Four Year History

- \$1.5 Billion in Awards
- 1,191 Projects Having Sales or Further Development
- \$1.64 Billion in Total Sales
  - □ \$1.4 Billion Non-Federal
  - □ \$240 Million Federal
- \$1.34 Billion in Phase III Development
  - □ \$900 Million Non-Federal
  - □ \$440 Million Federal





- Open Notices FY06 SBIR/STTR Phase II Funding Notice -- opened January 18, 2006 (deadline for applications 4/17/06)
- Closed Notices FY 06 Phase I Funding Notice -- closed 12/2/05 FY 05 Phase I Solicitation -- closed 12/13/04 FY 05 Phase II Solicitation -- closed 4/13/05
- Upcoming Notices Phase I FY 07 Phase I Funding Notice -- opening in the Fall 2006



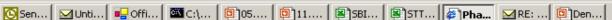
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