



# EPA's Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program

## Informational Workshop – March 23, 2006

### University of Houston Hilton

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The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is one of 11 federal agencies that participate in the SBIR Program. **EPA's next Phase I Solicitation will open on March 23, 2006 and close on May 24, 2006.** The solicitation will include topics related to retrofitting off-road diesel construction equipment for NOx reduction, fuel additives to reduce emissions from gasoline engines and new non-ethanol and non-biodiesel liquid biofuels.

The research topics were developed in cooperation with the Texas Environmental Research Consortium (TERC), Texas New Technology Research and Development (NTRD) Program and the Houston Advanced Research Center (HARC). Collaboration between these Texas programs and SBIR awardees, including assistance with prototype development, demonstration and verification testing programs, is possible in Phase II and beyond. The Texas NTRD program also provides non-SBIR grants for technologies that show potential for commercialization and significant reduction of NOx emissions.

*Key Subjects and Questions Addressed at the Workshop will include:*

- What is the Texas NTRD Program and what topics related to NOx reduction are of interest?
- How does one apply for EPA SBIR Phase I funding?
- What topics are of interest to the EPA for SBIR funding and how does the program function?

Participants will also tour the University of Houston Diesel Testing Facility.

#### Schedule

- 8:30 Registration/Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 Overview of TERC/NTRD Program
- 10:00 Overview of the EPA SBIR Program
- 11:00 Applying for an SBIR Grant
- 12:00 Q&A (*Lunch provided during session*)
- 1:30 Tour of UH Diesel Test Facility

#### Registration

***Space is limited to the first 50 registrants!***

*Register online at:*

[www.tercairquality.org](http://www.tercairquality.org)

#### Cost

The nominal \$48 registration fee is non-refundable and covers the cost of the meeting facilities, food and refreshments.

