

DARPA SBIR/STTR Transition & Commercialization Support Program Fact Sheet

Objective

The DARPA Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)/Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Transition & Commercialization Support Program (TCSP) is designed to support transition and commercialization planning activities for DARPA-funded SBIR/STTR projects (typically 6 months for Phase I and 24 months for Phase II). The TCSP goal is to maximize the potential for SBIR/STTR companies to move their technology beyond Phase II, and into other research and development programs for further maturity, or into solutions or products for DoD acquisition programs, other Federal programs, and/or the commercial market. TCSP services are provided at no cost to awardees.

Overview

The Technology Transition and Commercialization Team (T2C Team) is under contract to the DARPA Small Business Programs Office (SBPO) to perform the following activities in support of the TCSP:

- For Phase I awardees – Given the short duration of period of performance, the T2C Team will provide topical information sheets to raise awareness of various subjects in preparation for continued transition and commercialization planning, and a more detailed understanding of services provided during Phase II. The T2C Team will also act as a resource to answer related questions as needed.
- For Phase II awardees – The T2C Team will engage with awardees to discuss, refine and implement their transition and commercialization plans, e.g., brainstorm on strategy and timeline for transition and commercialization activities; identify and facilitate connections to potential funding sources, collaborators and partners; enhance visibility at events with large government end-user representation; and recommend networking opportunities.

Process

Upon notification of Phase I award, companies will receive an introductory email from the T2C Team followed by periodic notices of topical information of interest to the small business community and special notices of networking and/or training opportunities as available.

Upon notification of selection for Phase II award, companies will receive a welcome email from the DARPA SBPO Program Director. Approximately 30 days after Phase II contract award, the T2C Team will schedule a one-hour kick-off teleconference with the company to discuss the SBIR/STTR project, the transition and commercialization strategy, and areas where support is needed. The T2C Team will provide the company with a Kick-off Review document that summarizes the kick-off call and contains with preliminary recommended activities for the company; such as engagement with potential stakeholders, programs of interest, funding opportunities, and any other relevant information. The T2C Team will schedule periodic status review calls with the company to refine the transition and commercialization strategy and define activities to assist in furthering that strategy.

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