

# Suggest a Research Topic



The NAVSEA SBIR/STTR program welcomes input from private industry— primarily from small businesses and major defense prime vendors in identifying and refining potential topic areas for SBIR/STTR Broad Agency Announcements (BAAs).

We invite experts to submit single page abstracts that include special interest in, or contributions to, proposed topic areas. This expands our ability to develop innovative and relevant topic to the science, technology and business communities and to properly identify the application of new technologies to critical agency needs.

## **SBIR**

The Program stimulates technological innovation, uses small businesses to meet federal research needs, and enables participation by socially and economically disadvantaged businesses.

Additionally, the program facilitates the transition of the resulting research in to the commercial sector, a strategy that increases competition, productivity and economic growth.

## **STTR**

The Small Technology Transfer (STTR) program is a sister program to the SBIR that requires the small business to partner with a University, a Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC), or a qualified non-profit research institution.

The STTR standards require the small business to serve as the prime contractor and perform at least 40 percent of the work, with the research partner performing at least 30 percent of the work. The remaining work may be done either the small business, the research partner, or by a third party.

## **Topic Suggestions**

Topic suggestions may be emailed to [NSSC\\_SBIR@navy.mil](mailto:NSSC_SBIR@navy.mil). Suggestions are forwarded to relevant subject matter experts in the Program Executive Offices (PEOs) and potential topic authors and made publicly available during the annual NAVSEA SBIR/STTR topic development and collaboration period. The standard time for this period is December to March of the year preceding BAA. For example, we work on FY18 topics in December 2016 to March 2017.

## **Topic Suggestions Must**

1. Be relevant to the Navy missions or Navy Fleet.
2. Meet critical agency requirement.
3. Have dual-use potential in civilian commercial markets.
4. Be unique and represent innovative ideas.
5. Be considered research and development, not procurement.
6. Describe the requirement without specifying a ready approach or solution.
7. Not be classified, sensitive, or proprietary.

