

U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Federal and State Technology (FAST) Partnership Program:

To Provide Organizations with Funding for Outreach, Mentoring, Technical and Business Assistance to R&D-focused Small Businesses Interested in the SBIR/STTR Federal R&D Programs

ACTION: Notice of Funding Opportunity No. SB-OIIFT-24-001

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) plans to issue Notice of Funding Opportunity No. SB-OIIFT-24-001 with estimated total program funding of \$9,000,000. The award ceiling is \$200,000 and the award floor is \$0. Applicants may request any amount up to the award ceiling. Funding will go to organizations to conduct proposal development training, outreach, mentoring, financial support, technical and business assistance to R&D focused small businesses interested in the SBIR/STTR Programs. Applications will be considered from all 50 states, U.S. territories and the District of Columbia. This program is authorized by Public Law (P.L.) 116-120 and 15 U.S.C. 657d(c). Only one proposal from each state may be submitted to the SBA for consideration and this application must have a signed letter of endorsement from the state governor or equivalent.

Please note that all technical proposals must be 10 pages or less, single spaced or greater, with size 12 font. See pages 7-12 of the Notice of Funding Opportunity for Technical Proposal content and attachments. Eligible applicants include for profit and non-profit entities to include but not limited to, state and local economic development agencies, colleges and universities, Small Business Development Centers, Women's Business Centers, Procurement Technical Assistance Centers, incubators, and accelerators.

Funds will be provided to conduct programs for a base 12-month performance period, with four option periods. The announcement will be available at www.grants.gov/ and www.sbir.gov/about-fast. Applications/proposals must be submitted on www.grants.gov/ and must be validated and accepted by 3:59 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) June 20, 2024 by the SBA Office of Grants Management.

DATES: The application period will be from May 20, 2024, until June 20, 2024.

Pre-application webinar was conducted on May 3, 2024, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. EDT

Presentation can be found at <https://www.sbir.gov/about-fast>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Elden Hawkes at (202)713-8503 or elden.hawkesjr@sba.gov regarding the Notice of Funding Opportunity, or budget matters.