



DARPA SBIR/STTR Programs

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Mission - Creating breakthrough technologies for national security. By making pivotal investments in new technology-driven ideas for the United States, DARPA imagines and makes possible new capabilities for overcoming the multifaceted threats and challenges that lie ahead. This makes a better, more secure future possible. In an uncertain world, with constrained budgets, providing these new capabilities is more important than ever. For more information regarding DARPA's mission, perspective, and history, visit <http://www.darpa.mil/about-us/about-darpa>

Uniqueness - DARPA is DoD's innovation engine focused on revolutionary change. DARPA maintains and encourages a culture of innovation and the ability to execute rapidly and effectively. To do this, the agency recruits individuals, who are at the top of their fields -from industry, academia, and government agencies -to tackle difficult challenges and to take big risks that push the limits of their disciplines. Program Managers (PMs) are the key to working with DARPA. PMs are generally with the agency for 3-5 years, and a program typically ends when the PM leaves.

Annual Budget - SBIR ~\$83M/STTR ~\$12M

Solicitations – DARPA typically participates in 3 SBIR and 1 STTR solicitations per year.

Topics - Average 18 SBIR and 6 STTR Topics per year

Awards - Average 75 Phase I contracts per year ranging from \$150-225K. Includes \$50K option for Phase II selectees; average 25 Phase II contracts per year up to \$1.5M.

Commercialization Assistance - DARPA offers 24-month Transition and Commercialization Support Program for all Phase II awardees. See our Fact Sheet: <http://www.darpa.mil/work-with-us/for-small-businesses/commercialization-continued>

DARPA's research portfolio is managed by six technology offices charged with developing breakthrough technologies.

Biological Technologies Office (BTO):

Bio-complexity | Bio-systems | Disease | Health | Med-Devices | Syn-Bio

Defense Science Office (DSO):

Autonomy | Complexity | Fundamentals | Materials | Math | Sensors

Information Innovation Office (I2O):

Algorithms | Cyber | Data | ISR | Networking | Processing | Programming

Microsystems Technology Office (MTO):

Decentralization | Electronics | EW | Globalization | Microsystems | Mobile | Photonics | PNT | Spectrum

Strategic Technology Office (STO):

Air | Communications | Countermeasures | EW | ISR | Mobile | Spectrum | Tech-Foundations

Tactical Technology Office (TTO):

Air | Ground | ISR | Maritime | Munitions | Robotics | Space