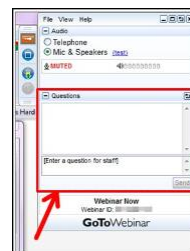




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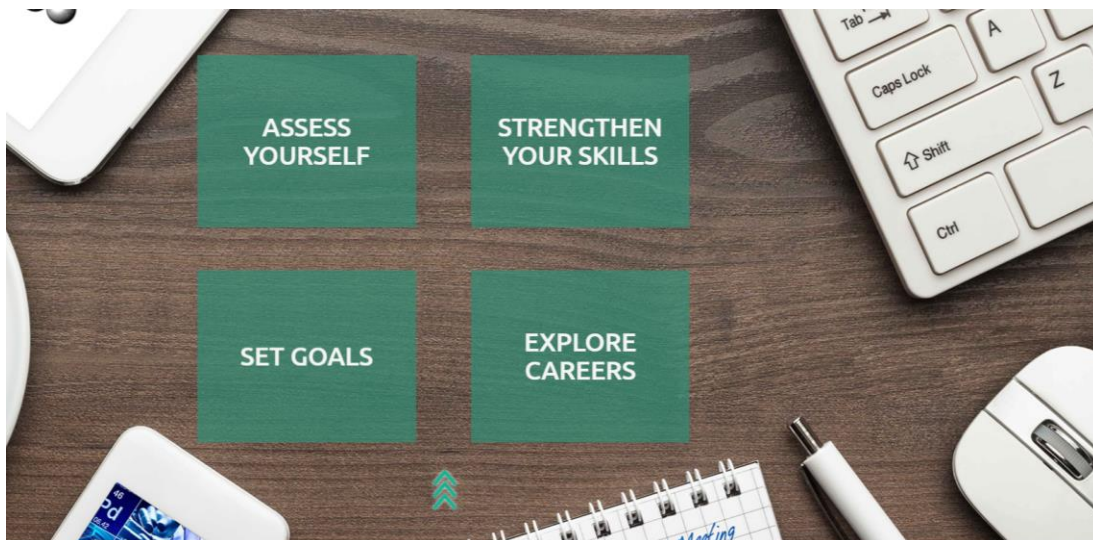
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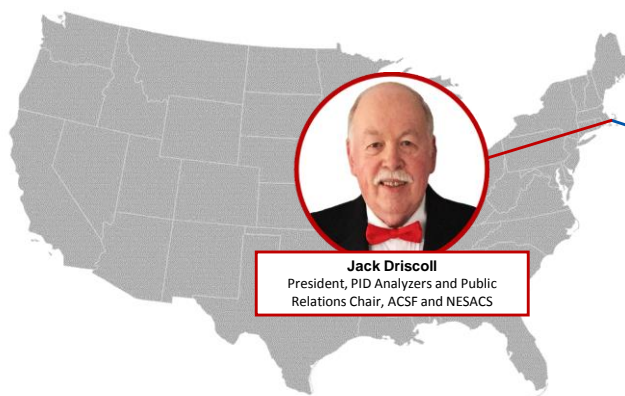


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## Audience Survey Question

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### Which ACS member started the SBIR / STTR Program?

- John W. Draper
- Arthur S. Obermayer
- Charles A. Kraus
- Mary L. Good
- Bonnie A. Charpentier

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## Brief History of the SBIR

- Arthur Obermayer received his PhD in Chemistry from MIT, was a **60 + year member of the American Chemical Society (ACS)**, a member of the Northeastern Section of the ACS, (NESACS) and was chair of NESACS in 1982. Obermayer was an entrepreneur and was a champion for small businesses
- **The Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) program began with 10 years of effort** by Arthur Obermayer and Senator Kennedy to get the federal government to set aside a percentage of their R&D funding for small businesses

*Arthur and Judy Obermayer inducted into the SBA Hall of Fame 2015 for their contributions to the SBIR Program*



Arthur and Judith Obermayer speaking at White House ceremony



## 1982 SBIR Bill Signing @ the White House



Arthur Obermayer, Judith Obermayer, and Senator Kennedy in Rose Garden

- The Obermeyers and Kennedy as the SBIR STTR bill is signed into law
- It took more than 10 years of testimony and pushing this government funding bill for small businesses to get to this point
- **Obermayer received the first SBIR grant**, for \$25,000 from NSF for his Company, Moleculon
- Several years later with considerable pressure Obermayer was able to get the Government to give the IP rights to the Company that was involved in the development through the Bush-Dole Patent act in 1983



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## Dr Obermayer Talks About SBIR Contributions



- At the **Oct. 2012, NESACS meeting** at Nova Biomedical Corp. We (JD, JM, MC) had organized a Small Chemical Business Symposium organized by NESACS & the Small Chemical Business Div. ACS (SCHB)
- Dr. Obermayer wanted to talk about the formation of the SBIR program when he received 60 year ACS pin but no space was available. Fortunately, we found a place for him in our Symposium. Madeline Jacobs, ACS, CEO, graciously gave up her slot
- I am really glad that we did that because **I never realized how the very important SBIR program had started** and what it has become (JND)



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## SBIR Program in Summary

- When Arthur Obermayer was inducted into SBIR Hall of Fame at the White House in 2015, he stated that **“Next to the GI Bill after WWII, SBIR was one of the most significant pieces of legislation ever passed by Congress”**.
- The program that started with a \$25,000 grant to Moleculon has grown to be 1.7% of the 135 billion dollar US R&D budget in 2018
- **For 2018, this amounts to \$2,300,000,000 for small business research & development**
- I have asked a number of companies primarily involved in SBIR funding and none of them ever heard of the Obermeyers. We should do something about that!
- We will get the ACS small chemical business program restarted and provide information to ACS members about **“America’s Seed Fund”**



<https://www.sbir.gov/about/about-sbir>

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## SBIR / STTR R&D Programs



- **Small Business Innovative Research** - for small businesses- Government agencies set aside a % of their R&D budget for small businesses  
*Started in 1982 with first Award to Arthur Obermayer at Moleculon*  
<https://www.sbir.gov/about/about-sbir>
- **Small Business Technology Transfer** - The unique feature of the STTR program is the requirement for the small business to formally collaborate with a research institution (such as a University) in Phase I and Phase II. STTR's most important role is to bridge the gap between performance of basic science and commercialization of resulting innovations.  
<https://www.sbir.gov/about/about-sttr>
- Since its inception nearly **25,000 awards** have been made by government agencies

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## Differences between SBIR and STTR:

	<b>SBIR</b>	<b>STTR</b>
Partnering Requirement	Permits partnering	Requires a non-profit research institution partner
Principal Investigator	Primary employment (>50%) must be with the small business	PI may be employed by either the research institution partner or small business (check solicitation)
Work Requirement	May subcontract up to 33% (Phase I), 50% (Phase II)	40% Small Business, 30% Research Institution Partner
Program Size	FY15-\$2.25B	FY15-\$296M
Majority VC Ownership	Allowed by some agencies	Not Allowed
Participating Agencies	11 agencies (extramural R&D budget >\$100M)	5 agencies (extramural R&D budget >\$1B)



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## Mission of the SBIR and STTR Programs



*To support scientific excellence and technological innovation through the investment of Federal research funds in critical American priorities to build a strong national economy... one small business at a time.*



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## Who Qualifies as a Small Business?

- Organized as for-profit **U.S. business**
- 500 or fewer employees including affiliates
- Work must be done in the **U.S.** (with few exceptions)
- Greater than 50% **U.S.-owned** by individuals and independently operated with some exceptions



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## The Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program

- A set-aside program for small business to engage in Federal R&D with potential for commercialization
- 3.0% of the extramural research budget (FY2015 ~2.0 Billion in summation) for all agencies with a budget greater than **\$100M per year**. Growing to 3.2% by 2017

FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
2.5%	2.6%	2.7%	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%	3.2%



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## 4 Goals of the Program

1. Meet **Federal research and development needs**
2. Increase private-sector commercialization of innovation derived from Federal research and development funding
3. Stimulate technological **innovation**
4. Foster and encourage participation in innovation and entrepreneurship by **socially and economically**



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## Why the **SBA** works on America's Seed Fund?

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## Typical Application Process



<https://www.sbir.gov/sbirsearch/solicitation/current>

- Business Plan
- Executive summary
- Cost Proposal
- Technical Proposal

<https://www.sbir.gov/awardee>



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## Why should I apply for an SBIR Award?

### *Remember that:*

- The **SBIR Grant or Award money is free**. The Government does not take a portion of your company for this cash infusion
- Any **patents** on your innovations **belong to your company**
- You have an **opportunity to commercialize your new product** through phase II or phase III SBIR funding and also **develop customers in the government**



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## Proposal Topics...NSF Accepts in any area of Tech



Each year, NSF funds roughly 400 companies across nearly all technology and market sectors.

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### TECHNOLOGY TOPIC AREAS

Advanced Manufacturing (M) ↓	Advanced Materials (AM) ↓
Artificial Intelligence (AI) ↓	Biological Technologies (BT) ↓
Biomedical Technologies (BM) ↓	<b>Chemical Technologies (CT) ↓</b>
Digital Health (DH) ↓	Distributed Ledger (DL) ↓
Educational Technologies and Applications (EA) ↓	Energy and Power Systems (EP) ↓
<b>Environmental Technologies (ET) ↓</b>	Information Technologies (IT) ↓
Instrumentation and Hardware Systems (IH) ↓	Internet of Things (I) ↓
Medical Devices (MD) ↓	Nanotechnology (N) ↓
Other Topics (OT) ↓	Photonics (PH) ↓
Quantum Information Technologies (QT) ↓	Robotics (R) ↓
Semiconductors (S) ↓	Sensors (SE) ↓
Space (SP) ↓	Wireless Technologies (W) ↓

\* Except drug development

<https://seedfund.nsf.gov/portfolio>



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## Chemicals Portfolio: Show Us Your Idea!



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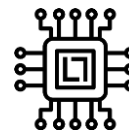
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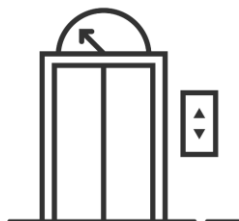
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## First Step = The Project Pitch New from NSF



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- The required **Project Pitch** allows startups and small businesses to get **quick feedback** at the start of their application for Phase I funding from America's Seed Fund powered by NSF
- Startups or entrepreneurs who submit a **three-page Project Pitch will know within three weeks** if they meet the program's objectives to support innovative technologies that show promise of commercial and/or societal impact and involve a level of technical risk
- They will also **get additional guidance and feedback** from NSF staff

<https://seedfund.nsf.gov/project-pitch>



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## SBIR Schedule

- New Federal Budget starts on **Oct.1**
- Government Agency Requests for projects start in **Nov./Dec.** and **May/June**
- This info is also published in the Federal Register <https://www.federalregister.gov>
- Go to: [www.sbir.gov](http://www.sbir.gov) or search [www.sbir.gov](http://www.sbir.gov) for project topics and look at each agency

**Hint:** [grants.gov](http://grants.gov) is a good place to start looking for SBIR/STTR program opportunities. Just type "SBIR" in the basic search, and off you go!



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## Agency Budgets

- Only Government Agencies with budgets > \$100 million participate



- The DOD and NIH have the largest R&D budgets and each contributes about 40% of the SBIR Annual budget



- The other agencies have the remainder (20%) of the budget



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## 11 Agencies Involved in SBIR / STTR Programs

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## SBIR / STTR 3-Phase Competition Program



### PHASE I

#### Proof-of-Concept

6-12 months | ~ \$150,000 (SBIR - 6 months, \$150K; STTR – 12 months, \$150K)



### PHASE II

#### Full R&D

24 months | ~ \$1,000,000

(Sequential Phase II up to \$1M)



### PHASE III

#### Commercialization

Non-SBIR/STTR funds (public or private)

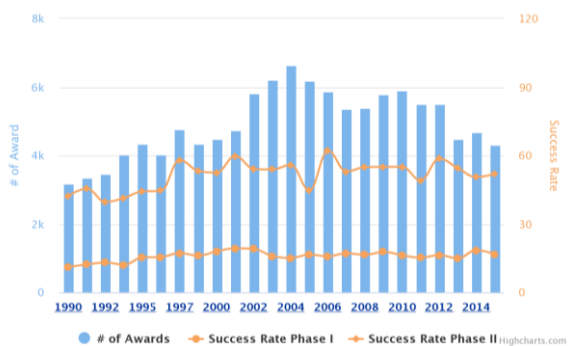
(Key Goal of the Program)



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## SBIR Awards

### SBIR Averages Around 5,000 Awards Per Year



<https://www.sbir.gov/awards/annual-reports>

- SBIR programs have awarded over **\$50 billion** to research-intensive American small businesses since 1982
- The **450,000 engineers and scientists** involved are one of the largest STEM talent concentrations in the world
- Key catalysts for **tens of thousands** of small businesses



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## Audience Survey Question

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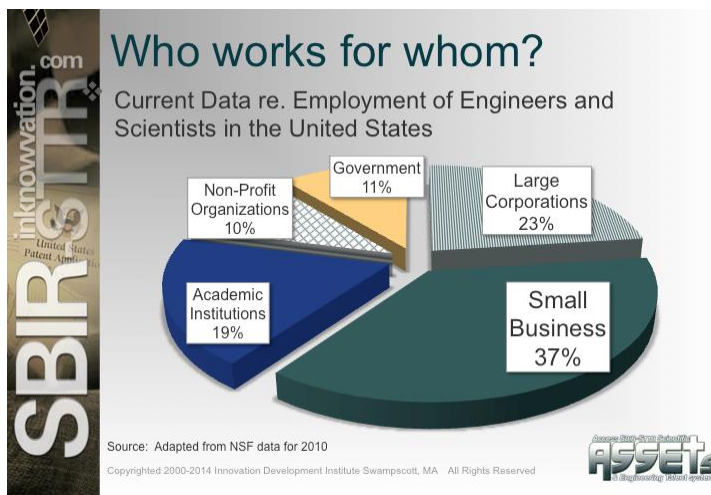


**What percentage of engineers and scientists are estimated to be currently employed by small business?**

- About ten percent
- About twenty percent
- About thirty percent
- About forty percent
- About fifty percent

*\* If your answer differs greatly from the choices above tell us in the chat!*

## Small Business Employed 15% in the Early 80's



## SBIR / STTR Issued U.S. Patents (as of June 2017)



- **136,383** issued U.S. Patents
- **20,651** U.S. Patent applications
- An estimated average of **14-15** U.S. Patents are issued to SBIR / STTR involved firms everyday, 365 days a year.



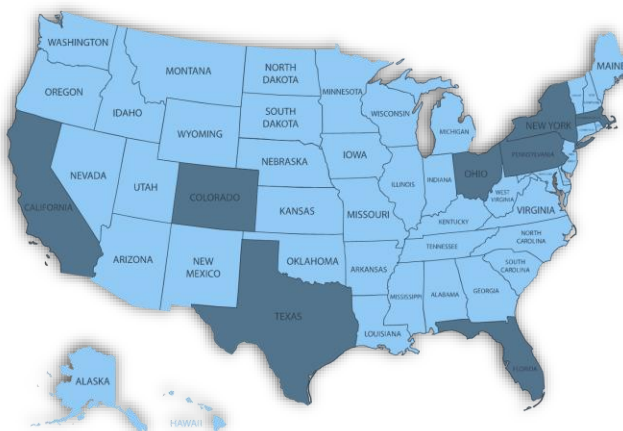
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## Top Total Award Dollars went Primarily to 10 States

- California
- Massachusetts
- Virginia
- New York
- Maryland
- Colorado
- Pennsylvania
- Texas
- Ohio
- Florida



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## SBIR / STTR by the Numbers (as of August 2018)

### Life of Program (1982-Present)

- **24,728** SBIR Awardees to Date
- **11,6459** Phase 1 projects (\$12.32B)
- Of which, **46,181** have converted to Phase II (\$35.45B)

### Currently Active (Phase I 2015 – Phase II 2014)

- **5,809** SBIR Awardees to Date
- **14,557** Phase 1 projects (\$2.49B)
- Of which, **5,511** have converted to Phase II (\$5.89B)



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**After this introduction to SBIR and STTR Programs, as a small chemical business owner how likely are you to apply for an award?**

- I am very interested in applying for a SBIR or STTR award
- I may apply for a SBIR or STTR award
- I do not know if I will apply or I am here out of curiosity
- I do not believe I will apply for a SBIR or STTR award
- I definitely will not apply for a SBIR or STTR award

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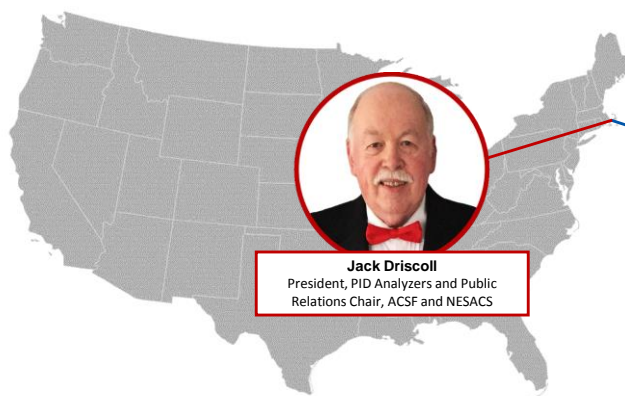
- **Why shouldn't you apply for an SBIR or STTR Grant?** It is a great program for small businesses!
- **More than 17 countries** have copied the US SBIR program
- With less than 1.7 percent of the Federal R&D budget, **SBIR/STTR has created 22 percent of America's key innovations**
- After the research for the Obermayer Symposium at the ACS National Meeting in Aug. 2018, I was so impressed that **my company, PID Analyzers, LLC applied for our first SBIR Award in January 2019** for development of oceanographic sensors for NOAA
- We will see what happens but it also gave us some ideas for a new product line that we will probably follow up with even if we do not get the Award.



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