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The purpose of SBA's Federal and State partnership program (FAST) is to strengthen the technological competitiveness of small business concerns in every state. This program intends to improve the participation of small technology firms in the innovation and commercialization of new technology; thereby ensuring that the United States remains on the cutting edge of research and development in the highly competitive arena of Science and Technology.

"The FAST program is an important catalyst for helping America's cutting-edge entrepreneurs continue to drive innovation and create good jobs," said Karen G. Mills, SBA Administrator. "The partnerships developed through these programs will play a critical role in helping high-growth potential small firms take those next steps to help drive our local economies."

This year's recipients include:

- University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Little Rock, AR
- Arizona Commerce Authority, Phoenix, AZ
- Sonoma Mountain Business Cluster, Rohnert, CA
- Connecticut Innovations, Rocky Hill, CT
- Government of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC
- Iowa State University, Ames, IA
- Kentucky Science & Technology Corp., Lexington, KY
- Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA
- BBC Entrepreneurial Training & Consulting, LLC, Ann Arbor, MI
- Mississippi Technology Alliance, Ridgeland, MS
- Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT
- University of Nebraska, Omaha, NE
- University of Nevada, Reno, NV
- Technology Ventures Corp., Albuquerque, NM
- Research Foundation of State of NY, Albany, NY
- University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND
- Ohio Aerospace Institute, Cleveland, OH
- Ben Franklin Technology Partners Corp., Bethlehem, PA
- Inter-American University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR
- Governor's Office of Economic Development, Pierre, SD
- Tennessee Economic and Community Development, Nashville, TN
- Utah Science Technology and Research, Salt Lake City, UT
- Center for Innovative Technology, Herndon, VA
- University of Wisconsin System, Madison, WI
- University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY

FAST provides up to \$80,000 per award to pay for outreach and technical assistance to science and technology-driven small businesses. The program places particular emphasis on helping socially and economically disadvantaged firms compete in the SBA's Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer programs.