

U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Federal and State Technology (FAST) Partnership Program To Provide Organizations with Funding for Outreach, Mentoring and Technical Assistance to R&D-focused Small Businesses Interested in the SBIR/STTR Federal R&D Programs

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration

ACTION: Funding Opportunity Announcement No. FAST-2018-R-0012

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The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) plans to issue Funding Opportunity Announcement No. FAST-2018-R-0012 with estimated total program funding of \$2 million. The award ceiling is \$125,000 and the award floor is \$0. Funding will go to organizations to conduct outreach, mentoring, financial support, and technical 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.) 111-117 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 an original, 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 Funding Opportunity Announcement for Technical Proposal content and attachments. Eligible applicants include, but are not limited to, state and local economic development agencies, colleges and universities, Women's Business Centers, Procurement Technical Assistance Centers, incubators, accelerators, and Small Business Development Centers (except those that are currently accredited as Small Business Technology Development centers, which will be funded under Announcement No. FAST-2018-R-0012A).

Funds will be provided to conduct programs for a 12-month performance period. The announcement will be available at [www.grants.gov/](http://www.grants.gov/) and [www.sbir.gov/about-fast](http://www.sbir.gov/about-fast). Applications/proposals must be submitted on [www.grants.gov/](http://www.grants.gov/) and must be validated and accepted by 4:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) June 20, 2018 by the SBA Office of Grants Management.

DATES: The application period will be from May 04, 2018 until June 20, 2018. Pre application webinar will be on May 10, 2018 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. EDT. Web portion: [www.connectmeeting.att.com](http://www.connectmeeting.att.com), meeting number 888-844-9904 with code 6645489. Audio only: dial 888-844-9904, access code 6645489. Call notes will be posted on grants.gov.

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