

## Partnering for Innovation & Commercialization

Additional information on the SBIR Program may be found via the following websites:

- NIST SBIR - <http://www.nist.gov/sbir/>
- SBIR - <http://www.sbir.gov/>
- SBIR Road Tours - <http://www.sbirroadtour.com/>
- US Small Business Administration - <https://www.sba.gov/>

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# Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program



*C. Jaye and D. Fischer: A Greener Antiwear Additive for Engine Oils. (Credit: NIST)*

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## NIST SBIR Solicitation

The NIST Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program is a competitive three-phase federal program that awards R&D funds to qualified small businesses. The program encourages technological innovation and conversion of federal R&D into commercial applications.

|                  | <b>Purpose</b>    | <b>Duration</b> | <b>Funding Amount</b> |
|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Phase I</b>   | Feasibility       | 6 months        | Up to \$100,000       |
| <b>Phase II</b>  | R&D               | 2 years         | Up to \$300,000       |
| <b>Phase III</b> | Commercialization | No Limit        | Non-SBIR funds        |

NIST issues an annual Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) for Phase I proposals. The FFO is available on <http://www.grants.gov> and [www.nist.gov/sbir](http://www.nist.gov/sbir).

Phase I proposals must be responsive to the selected subtopic and adhere to the guidelines provided in the solicitation.

Proposals submitted in response to the solicitation are evaluated and scored on technical merit, innovation, responsiveness, quality of facilities and personnel, and commercialization potential. Technically excellent proposals are further rated on potential to meet NIST and SBIR program priorities and potential economic impact.

All small business that have completed Phase I projects may submit proposals and compete for Phase II awards.

NIST uses cooperative agreements as SBIR awards. The number of awards is based on available funding.

The NIST SBIR Bulletin Board posts notices when the current fiscal year award cycle has begun.

## National SBIR Road Tour

The Road Tour is a nation-wide outreach effort to convey the funding opportunity provided through the SBIR and STTR programs. The third tour of the North Central Region runs from July 13-17, 2015, followed by the final tour of the Pacific Northwest from August 17-21, 2015.

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<http://www.sbirroadtour.com/contact.php>