Special Operations Forces Industry Conference

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Small Business Innovation Research

Science & Technology
SBIR Overview

• Congressionally mandated program
• Established to fund R&D small business concerns
• Three-phased process encompassing technology feasibility, demonstration, and transition
• Funded as a set-aside assessment of extramural RDT&E budget
• Congress established program with Small Business Innovation Development Act of 1982 and assigned Small Business Administration programmatic authority
SBIR Overview

• Requires each federal agency with an extramural RD budget over $100M to set aside 2.5% for SBIR

• Offers the government a unique opportunity to engage small technology businesses to meet mission needs by funding R&D to:
  – Address identified capability/technology gaps
  – Generate cost savings
  – Enhance existing capabilities

• 11 federal agencies and 12 DOD components participate
SBIR Goals

- Stimulate technological innovation
- Increase private sector commercialization of federal R&D
- Increase small business participation in federal R&D
- Foster participation by minority and disadvantaged firms in technological innovation
SBIR Three-Phased Approach

Phase I
- Early Exploration of Ideas
- Feasibility Study

Phase II
- Concept Refinement
- Prototype Development

Phase III
- Further R&D/Demonstration
- Production & Sales
SBIR Links

- www.ussocomsbir.com
- www.dodsbir.net
- www.sba.gov