

December 2017 - Feedback Survey Regarding NSF SBIR/STTR Phase I Proposal Submission Process

The National Science Foundation (NSF) Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) or Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Programs help innovative entrepreneurs bring technology from the lab to the marketplace via grant funding. We are continually looking to improve the application process for these grants. Because you recently applied to the program, we would greatly appreciate your participation in this short survey to help us improve our proposal submission process and proposal preparation aids/activities.

This survey is anonymous and will in no way affect the outcome of any current, pending or future NSF SBIR/STTR grant proposal.

If another individual was more closely involved with the proposal preparation and submission process, please forward this survey link to that individual!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

1. Which of the following best describes the ethnicity or racial characteristics of your team? Select all that apply (for statistical purposes only).

	PI	Co-PI	Company Business Officer
Hispanic or Latino	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Not Hispanic or Latino	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
American Indian or Alaska Native. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Asian. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Black or African American. A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
White. A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

2. Please indicate your company's gender characteristics. Select all that apply. (For statistical purposes only).

	Male	Female
PI	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Co-PI	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Company Business Officer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

*** 3. What is the zip code of your company's primary address?**

*** 4. Was your company formed in the last 3 years?**

Yes

No

*** 5. In the submission window that recently closed, was your firm a first-time applicant to the NSF SBIR/STTR Program?**

Yes

No

*** 6. Please indicate the experience that you/your company has had with the following funding opportunities.**

	Applied	Received	Neither Applied nor Received
SBIR/STTR Funding- Department of Defense	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
SBIR/STTR Funding- Department of Health and Human Services (National Institutes of Health)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
SBIR/STTR Funding- Department of Education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
SBIR/STTR Funding- Another Agency Not Listed Here	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fundamental Research Funding (non-SBIR/STTR)- NSF	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fundamental Research Funding (non-SBIR/STTR)- Federal Agency other than NSF	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
State or Local Government Funding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Venture Capital Funding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Angel Capital Funding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Business Plan Competition / Accelerator /Incubator	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify)			
<input type="text"/>			

*** 7. How did you hear about the NSF SBIR/STTR Program? Check all that apply.**

- Conference or Trade Show (note which one in the blank below)
- Personal network
- Professional network
- Web search
- Grants.gov
- NSF.gov website
- University technology transfer office
- University business incubator/accelerator
- Non-University business incubator/accelerator
- State or local economic development office
- Consultant or service provider
- Angel investor
- Venture capitalist
- United States Patent and Trademark Office
- The Small Business Administration
- Twitter
- Facebook
- LinkedIn
- NSF SBIR/STTR Quarterly Update
- NSF SBIR/STTR Outreach Events or Presentations
- NSF AWARE

NSF I-Corps

Other

Other (please specify)

*** 8. Please rate each aspect of the proposal submission process:**

	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
Registration - DUNS	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Registration - SAM	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Registration – Small Business Administration (SBA) Company Registry	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Registration - FastLane	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Formatting instructions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Submitting the project summary and project description	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cover sheet preparation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Determining how much proprietary information should be included	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Submitting a budget	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Submitting a budget justification	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Submitting letters of support	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ensuring that all components are present and correct	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
FastLane- Understanding what goes where	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
FastLane- Technical / system glitches	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

You may provide additional comments and suggestions here.



*** 9. Please rate the following NSF SBIR/STTR proposal submission aides.**

	Very Helpful	Somewhat Helpful	Not Helpful	Chose Not to Utilize	Didn't Know It Was Available
Advice from NSF SBIR/STTR Program Director- via Phone	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Advice from NSF SBIR/STTR Program Director- via Email	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Advice from NSF Staff (Non-Program Director) - via Phone	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Advice from NSF Staff (Non-Program Director) - via Email	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Advice from your personal network	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Advice from your professional network	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
NSF SBIR/STTR Website- General	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
NSF SBIR/STTR Website- Budget Template (not the template provided IN FastLane but rather through the NSF SBIR website)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
NSF SBIR/STTR Website- Proposal Checklists	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
NSF SBIR/STTR Website- FastLane Step-by-Step Guide	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
NSF SBIR/STTR Website- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
NSF SBIR/STTR Solicitation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
YouTube instructional videos from NSF SBIR/STTR (youtube.com/user/NSFIInnovationIIP)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
YouTube instructional videos from other organizations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Live webinar / Q&A from NSF	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Live webinar / Q&A from other organizations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
NSF SBIR/STTR Twitter Handle (@NSFSBIR)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
NSF SBIR/STTR Quarterly Update	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Professional consultant services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

You may provide additional comments or details from your answers above.

*** 10. Outside of official webinars, visits to NSF, and direct email or phone communications related to this proposal, have you communicated with any NSF SBIR/STTR staff over the past six months?**

Yes

No

If so, who did you speak with and in what event/context?

*** 11. Did you use assistance from a party outside your company to aid in the NSF SBIR/STTR proposal preparation/submission process?**

Yes

No

You may indicate which service or agent below.

*** 12. Do you have additional suggestions for improving the Phase I proposal submission process?**