

## 15 U.S.C 638(b)

**(b) ASSISTANCE TO SMALL-BUSINESS CONCERNS** It shall be the duty of the [Administration](#), and it is empowered—

**(1)**

to assist small-business concerns to obtain Government contracts for [research and development](#);

**(2)**

to assist small-business concerns to obtain the benefits of [research and development](#) performed under Government contracts or at Government expense;

**(3)**

to provide technical assistance to small-business concerns to accomplish the purposes of this section; and [\[1\]](#)

**(4)**

to develop and maintain a source [file](#) and an information [program](#) to assure each qualified and interested [small business concern](#) the opportunity to participate in [Federal agency small business innovation research programs](#) and [small business technology transfer programs](#);

**(5)**

to coordinate with participating agencies a schedule for release of [SBIR](#) and [STTR](#) solicitations, and to prepare a master release schedule so as to maximize small businesses' opportunities to respond to solicitations;

**(6)**

to independently survey and monitor the operation of [SBIR](#) and [STTR programs](#) within participating Federal agencies;

**(7)** to report not less than annually to the [Committee](#) on Small Business of the Senate, and to the [Committee](#) on Science and the [Committee](#) on Small Business of the House of Representatives, on the [SBIR](#) and [STTR](#) programs of the Federal agencies and the [Administration's](#) information and monitoring efforts related to the [SBIR](#) and [STTR](#) programs, including—

**(A)**

the data on output and outcomes collected pursuant to subsections (g)(8) and (o)(9);

**(B)**

the number of proposals received from, and the number and total amount of awards to, [HUBZone small business concerns](#) and firms with venture capital, [hedge fund](#), or [private equity firm](#) investment (including those majority-owned by multiple venture capital operating companies, [hedge funds](#), or [private equity firms](#)) under each of the [SBIR](#) and [STTR](#) programs;

**(C)**

a description of the extent to which each [Federal agency](#) is increasing outreach and awards to firms owned and controlled by women or by socially or economically disadvantaged individuals under each of the [SBIR](#) and [STTR](#) programs;

**(D)**

general information about the implementation of, and compliance with the allocation of funds required under, subsection (dd) for firms owned in majority part by venture capital operating companies, [hedge funds](#), or [private equity firms](#) and participating in the [SBIR](#) program;

**(E)**

a detailed description of appeals of [Phase III](#) awards and notices of noncompliance with the [SBIR](#) Policy Directive and the [STTR](#) Policy Directive filed by the [Administrator](#) with Federal agencies;

**(F)**

an accounting of funds, initiatives, and outcomes under the [Commercialization](#) Readiness [Program](#); and

**(G)**

a description of the extent to which Federal agencies are providing in a timely manner information needed to maintain the database described in subsection (k);