



Don't Miss Out on MIETF Matching Funds!

The Emerging Technologies Fund (ETF) was created to provide grant dollars to support commercialization of SBIR/STTR projects. Since 2008, the MI-SBDC has partnered with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to administer over \$11 million in federal grant matching through the ETF. Funding for the program is provided through the Michigan 21st Century Jobs Fund.

The ETF will match SBIR/STTR awards in the amounts of \$25,000 for Phase I and up to \$125,000 for Phase II proposals. (Refer to Section E of the [Program Guidelines](#)). ETF awards will come in the form of grants and do not need to be paid back; however, ETF Funds must be used to help bring Michigan SBIR/STTR projects to commercialization in at least one of the Four Technology Sectors supported by the ETF. These sectors are: (i) Advanced Automotive, Manufacturing, Materials, Information, and Agricultural Processing; (ii) Alternative Energy; (iii) Homeland Security and Defense; and (iv) Life Sciences.

A Company must submit its ETF application prior to submitting its SBIR/STTR proposal to the federal government. ETF applications received after the SBIR/STTR submission deadline will not be accepted. Companies must receive and deposit Third Party Funding (Refer to Sections B and F of the [Program Guidelines](#)) to be eligible for an ETF award. ETF is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis and subject to continued funding of the ETF program and availability of funds.

An ETF Award Recipient must be a Michigan company or have its principal place of business in Michigan. To meet this standard, a Company must have and intend to have during the five year reporting period following receipt of an ETF award, all or substantially all of its operations and employees located within Michigan. Applications will be accepted from companies located outside of Michigan, but a company must establish Michigan as its principal place of business prior to the disbursement of ETF funds.