



SBIR AGENCY ALERTS & UPDATES October 2020

Department of Defense (DOD)

DOD currently has several Broad Agency Announcements (BAAs) available with a total of 60 topics. Maximum award amounts vary by component and BAA. *Please check the specific BAA and component for funding amounts and length of project.*

Here is the DOD BAA schedule:

BAA	Topic Release	Solicitation Date	Due Date	Notes
DOD SBIR 20.5	9/8/2020	9/18/2020	10/8/2020	Army SPARTN (1 topic)
DOD SBIR 20.3	8/25/2020	9/23/2020	10/22/2020	DOD wide, 35 topics
DOD STTR 20.C	8/25/2020	9/23/2020	10/22/2020	DOD wide, 7 topics
DOD SBIR x20.3	8/25/2020	9/23/2020	10/22/2020	AFWERX (7 open topics)
DOD STTR x20.C	8/25/2020	9/23/2020	10/22/2020	AFWERX (1 open topic)

NOTE: It is important that you talk with the Technical Point of Contact (TPOC) between the Topic Release Date and the Solicitation Date. That is the only time you can have a private, one-on-one discussion with the TPOC. Act fast — solicitation dates are coming soon.

Department of Energy (DOE)

The FY2021 Phase I Release 1 topics and solicitation are both on the street. Proposals for Release 1 are due Monday, October 19, 2020 at 11:59 pm EDT. Proposals must be submitted through the Grants.gov Workspace.

To prepare a proposal in Workspace, your company must have an active SAM.gov registration. Only proposals where you have submitted a Letter of Intent prior to September 8, 2020 will be eligible for full proposals.

DOE Phase I proposals are either \$200,000 or \$250,000, and DOE participates in both the SBIR and STTR programs. NOTE: *Not all topics are eligible for STTR awards.* You

must check the topic listing to determine the Phase I award amount and whether an STTR proposal will be accepted.

Department of Agriculture (USDA)

The 2021 USDA solicitation is now accepting proposals which are due on Friday, October 23, 2020 at 5 pm EDT. The USDA uses the Grants.gov Workspace, so you will need to have an active SAM.gov registration in order to prepare and submit a proposal to USDA.

USDA only participates in the SBIR program, and all Phase I awards are for up to \$100,000.

National Science Foundation (NSF)

One window remains open for the current Phase I NSF solicitation and it closes at 5 pm on December 3, 2020, EST.

The current NSF policy is to review proposals on an “ongoing” (rolling) basis. However, due to the recent deluge of proposals to the COVID-19 special topic, NSF appears to be moving to a quarterly review process until they can work through the existing proposal backlog. If you plan to submit to NSF for SBIR this calendar year, our recommendation would be for you to get your proposal submitted during this window.