

Good afternoon.

The **Economic Development Partnership of Alabama** is pleased to announce the launch of its Alabama SBIR/STTR Assistance Program.

Each year, the federal government gives out over \$2 billion to turn non-government research into real small businesses through the **Small Business Innovation Research** (SBIR) and **Small Business Technology Transfer** (STTR) Programs. In 2012, over \$40 million of that funding was awarded to Alabama companies.

The purpose of the Alabama SBIR/STTR Assistance Program is to increase the success rate and competitiveness of SBIR/STTR applicants in the state.

The program will provide support in three ways:

- Raise SBIR/STTR awareness for Alabama-based small businesses through a statewide network of partners that will host introductory and strategic SBIR/STTR workshops (starting March 28)
- Educate Alabama companies on how to compete for SBIR/STTR awards
- Provide one-on-one <u>writing assistance</u> and proposal strategy from an expert with decades of experience writing and reviewing SBIR/STTR proposals

To view more information about the program, register for workshops, and apply for SBIR/STTR Writing Assistance, visit us at: http://alabamalaunchpad.com/sbir/

Alabama Launchpad is a program of the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization. The EDPA Foundation partners with seven research universities in Alabama to promote and reward high-growth, innovative start-ups from across the state.



