

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Federal and State Technology (FAST) Partnership Program To Provide Outreach and Technical Assistance to Small Technology-Based Businesses Interested in Becoming Involved or Presently Involved in Federal R&D Programs

AGENCY: Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Program Announcement No. FAST 2015-R-0009.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SB) plans to issue Program Announcement No. FAST 2015-R-0009 has estimated total program funding of \$2 million. The award ceiling is \$100,000 and the award floor is \$0. Funding will go to organizations to conduct outreach and provide technical assistance services to technology-based small business owners. Applications will be considered from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. This program is authorized by Public Law (P.L.) 111-117 and 15 U.S.C. 657d©. There is a one proposal per state limitation on this competition. Only one proposal from each state may be submitted to the SBA for consideration and this application must have an original, signed Letter of Endorsement from the State Governor (Mayor for the District of Columbia). Please note that all Technical Proposals must be 25 pages or less double spaced. See pages 8 a) & 9 b) of the Program Announcement for Technical Proposal content. Eligible applicants include, but are not limited to, state and local Economic Development Agencies, colleges and universities and Small Businesses Development Centers.

Funds will be provided to conduct programs for a 12-month performance period. Applications/proposals must be submitted via the internet at <http://www.grants.gov/> and must be validated and accepted by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time (appropriate date) by the Division of Procurement and Grants Management. Applicants' technical proposal must contain information about their current status and a plan describing how the effort will be sustained one the grant expires. The program announcement will be available at <http://www.sbir.gov>.

DATES: The application period will be from February 27, 2015 until April 10, 2015.

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