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To: Chief Elected Officials
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cc: WIOA State Partners

From: Diane Hurley, Acting Director
MassHire Department of Career Services

Date: August 9, 2023

Subject: **Funding Opportunity – Department of Energy/Office of Science – Small Business Innovative Research and Small Business Technology Transfer**

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators and other workforce partners of a funding opportunity announcement (FOA) made through the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Science via Grants.gov on August 7th, 2023, funding opportunity DE-FOA-0003110.

Background: This FOA describes the 2 phase funding opportunities for DOE: the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and the Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024.

Phase I grants resulting from this competition will be made during FY 2024 to small businesses with maximum award sizes of \$200,000 or \$250,000. Refer to the individual topic for its respective maximum award size. The period of performance will depend on the scope of the effort but will not exceed 12

months. Please note that the Phase II grant application will be due approximately 9.5 months after the grant start date. This will be the only opportunity to submit a Phase II application for a Phase I award made under this FOA. Grantees that select a Phase I period of performance of 9 months or less will be able to complete their Phase I project prior to submission of their Phase II grant application. Grantees that select a Phase I longer than 9 months will be able to continue research and development (R&D) after their Phase II application is submitted but will not be able to utilize these results in the preparation of their Phase II application.

Phase I is to evaluate, insofar as possible, the scientific or technical merit and feasibility of ideas that appear to have commercial potential and/or substantial application in support of DOE mission research. The grant application should concentrate on research that will contribute to proving scientific or technical feasibility of the approach or concept. Success in a DOE Phase I is a prerequisite to further DOE support.

Phase II. Only awardees issued Phase I grants under this FOA are eligible to submit a Phase II application under the corresponding FY 2025 Phase II FOA, i.e., FY 2025 Phase II Release 1. Approximately 40% of Phase I awardees submitting a Phase II application will receive a Phase II award. Instructions and eligibility requirements for submitting Phase II grant applications will be posted at a later date on the internet at <https://www.grants.gov/>.

The objectives of the SBIR/STTR programs include increasing private sector commercialization of technology developed through DOE-supported research and development (R&D), stimulating technological innovation in the private sector, encouraging participation by women-owned and minority-owned small businesses, and improving the return on investment from Federally funded research for economic and social benefits to the nation. DOE will support high-quality research or R&D on innovative concepts concerning important mission-related scientific or engineering problems and opportunities that have high potential for commercialization. The DOE SBIR/STTR Programs do not support either basic science or demonstration projects.

Funding Opportunity Number:	DE-FOA-0003110
Letter of Intent Deadline:	August 28, 2023
Application Deadline:	October 10, 2023
Estimated Total Funding:	\$24,000,000
Expected Award:	\$200,000 - \$250,000
Estimated Awards Granted:	110
Period of Performance:	Not to exceed 12 months
Eligible Applicants:	Small, independent US businesses – see page 13 of the FOA for complete details

Action

Requested: Please share this issuance with all appropriate managers, staff and partners.

Attachment: Funding Opportunity Announcement – DE-FOA-0003110