



The Air Force SBIR|STTR Commercialization Readiness Program (CRP) accelerates the transition of SBIR|STTR-developed technologies into real-world military and commercial applications. CRP provides a strategic process that links Air Force centers and the Air Force Research Laboratory to evaluate and align needs with innovative solutions.

Since its inception in 2006, CRP has helped improve technology transition outcomes by connecting stakeholders and leveraging investments from outside the SBIR/STTR Program, also known as Phase III funding.

The Air Force SBIR|STTR CRP team consists of SBIR acquisition R&D technology analysts (TAs), who are integrated into the centers, technical directorates and program offices to assist in developing topics and identifying mechanisms for SBIR|STTR projects nearing completion.

Commercialization makes technology more readily available – thereby bringing down its cost – and provides an opportunity for small business to grow and profit from its work, which generates a measurable impact on the national economy.

Three key elements must be present to initiate the transition process:

- Defined customer (Air Force Program Office, major defense contractor, etc.)
- Defined need (driven by the customer)
- SBIR|STTR technology that meets a need and shows high potential for providing viable results

Stakeholders can participate in the Air Force SBIR|STTR CRP in several ways:

SBIR|STTR Awardees

- Work with the technical point of contact (TPOC) to identify technology needs and customers for the solutions
- Work with the TAs after the CRP process is initiated
- Participate in Small Business Industry Days (SBIDs)

Major Defense Contractors

- Suggest topic ideas for consideration
- Participate in SBIDs and Technology Interchange Meetings (TIM)
- Work with the TPOCs and TAs to identify potential SBIR|STTR solutions to technology gaps

Air Force Customers

- Participate in generating and sponsoring SBIR|STTR topics
- Participate in Center/Program Executive Officer sponsored SBIDs
- Work with the TAs to identify transition candidates

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