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SBIR IS LOOKING FOR INNOVATORS, ENTREPRENEURS, SMALL BUSINESSES & STARTUPS WITH NOVEL IDEAS TO ENHANCE AMERICAN AGRICULTURE, RURAL HEALTH CARE, RURAL COMMUNITIES, AND THE ENVIRONMENT



WHAT IS SBIR?

THE SBIR PROGRAM WAS DEVELOPED TO STIMULATE TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION, PROVIDE SEED CAPITAL FOR EARLY STAGE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT WITH COMMERCIAL POTENTIAL, AND INCREASE PRIVATE SECTOR COMMERCIALIZATION OF INNOVATIONS.

SBIR IS A HIGHLY COMPETITIVE PROPOSAL PROCESS, ENCOURAGING U.S. SMALL BUSINESSES TO ENGAGE IN FEDERAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PRIMED FOR COMMERCIALIZATION.

SMALL BUSINESSES PARTICIPATING IN THE SBIR RECEIVE MANY BENEFITS INCLUDING FUNDING TO CONDUCT THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT WITHOUT GIVING UP EQUITY IN THEIR COMPANY OR THE RIGHTS TO THEIR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.

SBIR IS NOT A LOAN, SO APPLICANTS DO NOT RETURN THE FUNDING, PLUS, THEY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO CONTINUE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TECHNOLOGY.

WHAT IS EXPECTED IS GOOD RESEARCH THAT WILL LEAD TO A COMMERCIAL PRODUCT AND THAT WILL BENEFIT THE NATION.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2018	DUNN RICHMOND CENTER SIU RESEARCH PARK
<u>TIME</u>	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CARBONDALE
9 AM to 12 NOON	CARBONDALE, IL 62903

ONLINE REGISTRATION WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGH MONDAY, JUNE 25TH AT THE FOLLOWING:

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=18760>

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