Small Business Grants and Sponsored Research

WHERE TO GET HELP: REMEMBER TO DISCLOSE “NEW” IDEAS AND PROTECT YOUR INVENTION!!

- Ask your institutions Office of Technology Commercialization for help identifying companies
- Keep in touch with colleagues and classmates that take research jobs in industry – they make great sponsored research collaborators
- Go to company websites for information on “Areas of Interest” – Google company name and “areas of interest”:

SBIR: Small Business Innovative Research proposals

- Submitted by a PI in a company
- Does not require collaboration with an academic institution

STTR: Small Business Technology Transfer Research proposals

- Submitted by a PI in an academic institution
- Requires collaboration with a small business entity
  - Partner with an existing company
  - Start your own company

Sponsored Research & Fee-for-Service (not only Small Businesses)

- Fee-for-service is usually company initiated research
- Sponsored research usually has a researcher initiated research proposal
  - Many companies have sponsored research programs with formal application forms and submission cycles
  - Several companies will consider research proposals if you intend to use their products in new and novel ways (e.g. Medtronic’s BMP2)
  - At worst companies might “donate” their product under a Material Transfer Agreement

Examples of NIH news and announcements

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/sbirsttr_news.htm#20091229
http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/sbir.htm
http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/sbir_announcements.htm

SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH PROGRAM PARENT ANNOUNCEMENT (SBIR [R43/R44])
HTTP://GRANTS.NIH.GOV/GRANTS/GUIDE/PA-FILES/PA-10-050.HTML

SMALL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROGRAM PARENT ANNOUNCEMENT (STTR [R41/R42])
HTTP://GRANTS.NIH.GOV/GRANTS/GUIDE/PA-FILES/PA-10-051.HTML

ADDITIONAL SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SMALL BUSINESS RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES
HTTP://GRANTS.NIH.GOV/GRANTS/FUNDING/SBIR_ANNOUNCEMENTS.HTM

1 Only NIH highlighted – all Federal agencies participate – NSF, NASA, DOE, DOD, USDA etc.