



The Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Programs Help Create Jobs

- America's small businesses create seven of every ten new jobs and they employ just over half of the country's private sector workforce.
- Federal government contracting and grants to small businesses are a great way to help create jobs and harness the energy and innovation of American entrepreneurial companies for the benefit of the taxpayer.
- The SBIR and STTR programs offer competition-based awards to stimulate technological innovation among small private-sector businesses while providing government agencies new, cost-effective, technical and scientific solutions to meet their diverse mission needs.
- The program operates without any additional funding. It simply slices out for small businesses a small percentage of research and development funding that is included in the varying agency budgets.
- The development of SBIR and STTR programs are not only significant to the unique needs of each of the participating federal agencies, but also to our national economy. The SBIR and STTR programs are widely supported and recognized as one of the country's most important engines of innovation.

Small Business Temporary Extension Act of 2011 (S. 1082)

- The Small Business Temporary Extension Act of 2011 (S. 1082) would extend the authorization for the Small Business Administration (SBA) for two months (until July 31), and extend the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs until the end of the fiscal year (Sept. 30).
- Similar extensions have passed the House by voice-vote during the 112th Congress.
- The Small Business Temporary Extension Act of 2011 (S. 1082) passed the Senate by unanimous consent on Thursday, May 26th. A two-thirds majority is needed to pass this in the House because it will be brought up under suspension.
- If the Small Business Temporary Extension Act of 2011 (S. 1082) does not pass the House today, authorization for 7 small business programs would expire at midnight tonight:

Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program, Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) program, the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program (Disaster Mitigation Pilot Program), the Gift Acceptance/Cosponsorship Authority program, the Small Business Development Center Drug-Free Workplace Assistance program, the Defense Economic Transition Loans, and the BusinessLINC program

- This extension is needed to give the House and Senate more time to negotiate a long-term reauthorization. The Senate reauthorization bill ultimately failed after 6 weeks of debate during which unrelated amendments were added to the bill. The House Small Business Committee has a reauthorization bill (*the "Creating Jobs Through Small Business Innovation Act of 2011", H.R. 1425*) that has already been marked up by the Science & Technology Committee and the Small Business Committee, and is ready to be voted on in the House.