



U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20416

September 15, 2014

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Chair
Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Madam Chair:

In accordance with the reporting requirements contained in Section 5124 of the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)/Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Reauthorization Act of 2011 (Reauthorization Act), I am pleased to submit to you on behalf of the SBIR/STTR Interagency Policy Committee (IPC) the attached five (5) reports to Congress:

- 1) *Outreach;*
- 2) *Commercialization;*
- 3) *Award Size Flexibility;*
- 4) *TechNet Public & Government Databases; and,*
- 5) *Standard Evaluation Framework.*

The Reauthorization Act created the IPC, which is co-chaired by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and comprised of representatives from each Federal agency that participates in the SBIR/STTR programs. SBA, OSTP and the agency representatives have collaborated through the IPC to achieve numerous accomplishments toward improving administrative programmatic efficiencies while spurring innovative small business research and research development. The IPC is required to make policy recommendations on ways to improve program effectiveness and efficiency via the attached reports to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology and the Committee on Small Business of the U.S. House of Representatives and to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the U.S. Senate.

We thank you for your long-standing and invaluable support of the SBIR/STTR programs and look forward to working with you on the attached IPC recommendations.

Sincerely,

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