



There are two types of funding opportunities used to solicit proposals from small businesses for the SBIR/STTR programs.

Broad Agency Announcement:

BAAs are used to fulfill requirements for scientific study and experimentation directed toward advancing the state-of-the-art or increasing knowledge or understanding rather than focusing on a specific system or hardware solution.

Commercial Solutions Opening:

CSOs are used to acquire innovative commercial items, technologies, or services.

The DoD issues three joint SBIR and STTR BAAs annually that seek innovative solutions from small, high-tech companies in response to National Security challenges. In addition, DoD may issue Component-specific BAAs/CSOs to address critical mission needs. BAAs generally have a pre-release, open, and close period.

A DoD agency-wide announcement includes:

- DoD instructions
- Service/Component unique instructions
- Topics

Not all Components participate in each announcement. However, multiple announcements provide opportunities to participate throughout the fiscal year.