
EPA'S SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH (SBIR) PROGRAM

NEW PHASE I SOLICITATION SCHEDULE

EPA's SBIR Program provides financial support to help small science- and technology-based firms develop new environmental technologies and ready them for commercialization. The program targets research to prevent pollution, reduce water and air pollution, manage solid and hazardous wastes, and improve environmental monitoring—in each case, addressing priorities that are based on the Agency's Strategic Plan. In 2003, EPA will issue four Phase I Solicitations. There will be 3 special solicitations—Monitoring of Air Pollution, Technology Solutions for Western USA Environmental Problems, Safe Buildings and Water Security—and the regular SBIR Solicitation. The special solicitations are designed to meet the pressing needs of EPA, including EPA's Office of Air Quality, Planning and Standards (OAQPS) and EPA Region VIII. The opening and closing dates are the same for all Phase I solicitations, and Phase I contracts will be awarded for \$70,000 and will typically have a period of performance of 6 months. The regular solicitation will cover all other EPA research topics and it will NOT include the OAQPS or Region VIII topics. The 2003 Phase I Solicitation Schedule is as follows:

MONITORING OF AIR POLLUTION

Topics include Continuous Ambient Monitors for Particulate Matter, Monitors for Volatile Organic Compounds, Special Air Emission Source Monitors and New Sampling and Analytical Equipment.

TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS FOR WESTERN USA ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS

Topics include Coal Bed Methane, Controls for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations, Chronic Wasting Disease, Mining Waste and Acid Mine Drainage, and Emission Controls for Nonroad Engines.

SAFE BUILDING AND WATER SECURITY

Topics include Detection Technologies for Biological and Chemical Agents, Early Warning Security Systems, Water Treatment Technologies and Building Decontamination Systems.

REGULAR PHASE I SOLICITATION (Excludes the Topics described above)

Topics: Nanomaterials and Clean Technology, Treatment of Drinking Water, Municipal and Industrial Wastewater Treatment, Solid Waste Recycling, Hazardous Waste Management and Remediation.

PHASE I OPENS: MARCH 27, 2003

CLOSING DATE: MAY 23, 2003

Last year's solicitation describes the SBIR Program, application requirements, and all research topics. If you need a faxed copy or if you have any questions, call the EPA HELPLINE at: **(800) 490-9194**. Last year's solicitation also is available on the EPA Web Site. The four new SBIR solicitations will be available on March 27 by calling the HELPLINE or by visiting the EPA Web Site at:

<http://www.epa.gov/ncer/sbir>
