

# USDA – NIFA Small Business Innovation Research Program, Phase I Webinar (SBIR)

**Date:** August 29, 2012

**Time:** 3:30PM until 5:00 pm EDT

## **Background and Purpose:**

SBIR is a highly competitive research & development federal grant program for American-owned and independently operated for-profit small businesses of 500 employees or less. USDA is one of the eleven Federal agencies required to reserve 2.6% of their extramural research and development dollars for small businesses. SBIR is a three-phase program. The focus of Phase-I is to determine the scientific and technical feasibility of ideas. Ideas must fall within the scope of one of the 10 topic areas offered by the USDA. The successful applicants from Phase-I are encouraged to apply for Phase-II projects to stimulate technological innovation. Companies are encouraged to pursue Phase-III to commercialize their products or processes through securing funding from their own resources, public or state resources and private investment. USDA SBIR program limits Phase-I funding to \$100,000 and duration of 8 months. Phase-II projects are for 2 years and receive up to \$460,00 of funding. The USDA SBIR Request for Application for FY 2013 Phase-I funding was published in June 2012. Proposals are due by September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012. You may download the SBIR Program Solicitation at: <http://www.nifa.usda.gov/fo/sbir.cfm>

**This webinar is to present the SBIR Program Solicitation to potential SBIR applicants to increase understanding about the program and learn about the application process.**

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- Speakers

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