

Topic Generation

The NAVSEA SBIR/STTR program welcomes input from private industry, primarily from small businesses and major defense prime vendors in identifying and refining potential topic areas for SBIR/STTR Broad Agency Announcements (BAA). We invite experts to submit single-page abstracts that include special interests in, or contributions to, proposed topic areas. This expands our ability to develop innovative and relevant topics to the science, technology, and business communities and to properly identify the application of new technologies to critical agency needs.

Topic suggestions may be emailed to NSSC_SBIR@navy.mil. Suggestions are forwarded to relevant subject matter experts in the Program Executive Offices and potential topic authors and made publicly available during the annual NAVSEA SBIR/STTR topic development and collaboration period. The standard time for this period is December to March of the year preceding BAA. For example, we will work on FY21 topics in December 2019 to March 2020.

Topic suggestions must:

1. Be relevant to the Navy mission or Navy Fleet needs.
2. Meet a critical agency requirement.
3. Have dual-use potential in civilian commercial markets.
4. Be unique and represent innovative ideas.
5. Be considered research and development, not procurement.
6. Describe the requirement without specifying a ready approach or solution.
7. Not be classified, sensitive, or proprietary in nature.

Note: Topic suggestions developed into topics are for open solicitation.

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