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\$200 Million To Expand Funding for New Environmental Technologies

The new stimulus package, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, increases funding to \$200 million for small businesses to grow, add workers, and expand into new markets. This unique opportunity can be accessed by small businesses through the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) programs at the [Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)](#) and the [National Science Foundation \(NSF\)](#).

To better protect human health and the environment, EPA needs better air and water pollution controls, faster and smaller environmental monitors, “green” building materials, new technologies that reduce greenhouse gases and hazardous wastes, and more. Companies with fewer than 500 employees are eligible to apply to both EPA and NSF, although they can only accept funding from one source.

The EPA’s SBIR Phase I solicitation opens on March 19, 2009, and closes on May 20, 2009. A total of \$70,000 is available in funding for each EPA Phase I award with tight competition for limited funds.

The NSF’s SBIR Phase I solicitation is now open and will close on June 9, 2009. New stimulus funding brings the NSF’s SBIR budget to about \$185 million with Phase I funding at \$150,000 per award. Environmental technologies are covered by these NSF topics: Biotechnology (BT), Chemical Technology (CT), Information and Communication (IC), Nanotechnology (N), Advanced Materials (AM) and Manufacturing (M).

While most environmental topics are covered in both the EPA and NSF solicitations, note that the SBIR solicitation and submission processes at NSF and EPA are different. Please read the solicitation carefully for how to apply. If you submit equivalent or overlapping proposals to both EPA and NSF and you receive an NSF award, you will need to withdraw your EPA proposal. NSF is expected to make awards before EPA, giving small businesses an opportunity to win the larger NSF award while still having the opportunity to be funded by EPA if unsuccessful with NSF.

For information on EPA environmental technology needs and application requirements, visit www.epa.gov/ncer/sbir. For information on the NSF’s SBIR Program, visit the NSF Web site at: www.nsf.gov/eng/i8ip/sbir.