

July 17, 2014

Agenda

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| 8:00 – 8:50 | Registration and Networking
Registration, networking and sign up for 15 minute 1:1 meetings with Agency Program Managers |
| 8:50 – 9:00 | Welcome and Opening Comments |
| 9:00 – 9:30 | Overview of SBIR/STTR Program |
| 9:30 – 10:30 | Panel #1 – Discussion on SBIR/STTR Nuances & Topics of Interest,
NASA, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (USDA/NIFA), Department of Transportation (DOT) |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | Break |
| 10:45 – 11:45 | Panel #2 – Discussion on SBIR/STTR Nuances Topics of Interest
Dept. of Homeland Security (DHS), National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Education (via webinar) |
| 11:45 – 12:30 | Panel #3 – Discussion – SBIR/STTR awardees on their experience writing a winning proposal and executing the proposed scope of work |
| 12:30 – 1:00 | Lunch |
| 1:00 – 1:45 | Panel #4 – Discussion – Agency Reviews, Tips and Hints on How to Be Successful
All Agency interactive discussion on what it takes to write a great proposal, what reviewers are looking for and hints on drafting that award-winning proposal! |
| 1:45 – 2:15 | MTI Business Ventures Program Overview & UMaine Small Business Support Opportunities - Learn how to jumpstart your technology fundraising with MTI Phase 0 KickStarter, TechStart Grants, Seed Grants and Development Loans. UMaine discusses their support programs |
| 2:15 – 4:30 | Networking, One-on-One Meetings, Closing Comments |

Agencies Attending:

Department of Commerce - National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) – Alan Rhodes, Program Manager

National Aeronautics & Space Administration – Dr. Joseph Grant, SBIR/STTR Deputy Program Executive, Space Technology Mission Directorate

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) – Elissa (Lisa) Sobolewski, SBIR Program Director, Science & Technology Directorate

US Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food & Aquaculture (USDA NIFA) – Dr. Charles Cleland, National Program Leader

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – April Richards, Program Manager

Department of Transportation (DOT) – Rachael Sack, SBIR Program Director

Department of Education (ED) (via Webinar) – Dr. Edward Metz, Program Manager, National Center for Education Research

9:30 am – 4:30 pm: 15 minute 1:1 Sessions with Program Managers, Joe Migliaccio of MTI and Kris Burton from UMaine

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