



QUALIFICATIONS FOR MTI AND SBIR/STTR FUNDING

Maine Technology Institute (MTI) is an industry-led, publicly-funded, non-profit corporation that offers early-stage capital and commercialization assistance in the form of competitive grants, loans and equity investment for the research, development and application of technologies that create new products, processes and services, generating high-quality jobs across Maine.

The **Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)** and **Small Technology Transfer Research (STTR)** program supports early stage research and develop that has scientific excellence and is technologically innovative through the investment of Federal research funds in critical American priorities to build a strong national economy.

DO YOU QUALIFY FOR MTI FUNDING?

Do you have an idea for a technology-based product, service or process innovation, or are you in the process of conducting research for a new and innovative technology?

Does your idea fit into one of Maine's seven targeted technology sectors? (forest products/agriculture, marine technology/aquaculture, environmental technologies, precision manufacturing, composites/advanced materials, information technology, or biotechnology)

Do you need to develop innovative products or services to stay competitive, and will the idea retain or add jobs in Maine?

Can you describe how your research and development project will result in a new technology reaching the market or will boost the profitability of your manufacturing process, and ultimately increase business growth or profitability?

DO YOU QUALIFY FOR SBIR/STTR FUNDING?

Are you a US-based small business with an innovative idea for a new product, service, or technology with commercial potential?

Do you need to develop innovative products or services to stay competitive, and will the idea contribute to job retention/growth and/or American competitiveness?

Do you need research to determine if your idea is even feasible?

Do you have the skills to oversee a technical research and development project, and/or are you willing to partner with another organization to supplement any missing expertise or skill sets?

Is there an obvious fit between this idea and one of the federal agencies running SBIR/STTR programs? (National Institutes of Health, Department of Defense, National Science Foundation, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Commerce (NOAA, NIST), Dept. of Energy, Dept. of Education, Homeland, Dept of Transportation, Environmental Protection Agency, National Atmospheric and Space Administration [Note: Even if there's not an immediately obvious connection, your idea may still fit in one of these agencies' topics of interest])

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