

# EPA SBIR Solicitation Topics

The next EPA SBIR solicitation is anticipated to open in June 2024. Specific topic areas change from year to year. The 2024-2025 topics are:

## Clean and Safe Water

- Nature-based Solutions for Water Reuse
- Technologies for the Treatment of PFAS in Wastewater Sewage Sludge and Biosolids
- Treatment for Cyanobacteria and Cyanotoxins in Drinking Water at the Household Scale

## Air Quality & Climate

- Technologies and Tools to Monitor and Reduce Air Toxics Exposures
- Air Pollution Control Technologies for Small Sources

## Homeland Security

- Scenario-Based Training for Disaster Response

## Circular Economy/Sustainable Materials

- Preventing and Recycling Food Waste
- Source Reduction and Reuse
- Lowering Embodied Carbon in the Built Environment

## Safer Chemicals

- Rubber Anti-Degradants that are Lower Concern for Human Health and the Environment
- Next Generation Fertilizers

May 2024  
www.epa.gov





## EPA's SBIR Program

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) mission is to protect human health and the environment. EPA's SBIR Program supports small businesses (500 or fewer employees) to develop and commercialize novel environmental technologies that support this mission.

### PHASE I

Phase I awards are \$100,000 for six months and for "proof of concept" of the technology.

### PHASE II

Phase II awards are for up to \$400,000 for two years to further develop and commercialize the technology. Phase II companies that obtain qualifying third party investments are eligible for a commercialization option of \$100,000.

For information on the EPA SBIR Program, visit: [www.epa.gov/sbir](http://www.epa.gov/sbir)

For questions, contact:  
 April Richards, SBIR Program Manager  
 (202) 564-6462 or [richards.april@epa.gov](mailto:richards.april@epa.gov)

For information on the federal-wide SBIR Program, visit: [www.SBIR.gov](http://www.SBIR.gov).

Join the listserv for notices about upcoming solicitations and other EPA SBIR news at [www.epa.gov/sbir/sbir-listserv](http://www.epa.gov/sbir/sbir-listserv).

## SBIR Success Stories

### Providence Photonics

Providence Photonics developed the Video Imaging Spectral Radiometer (VISR) to remotely measure flare combustion efficiency in real time. This optical gas imaging technology allows operators to minimize emissions from flaring, which also reduces the cost of complying with regulations. This technology has been deployed to hundreds of flares on onshore and offshore facilities across the world.

### Industrial Microbes

Industrial Microbes engineered a microbe that converts waste gases such as CO<sub>2</sub> and methane into useful materials such as synthetic fibers and biodegradable plastics. Compared to current methods, this process emits six times less CO<sub>2</sub>. Industrial Microbes secured private investment and were named one of Biofuel Digest's Next 50 Companies to Disrupt the World.

### Lucid Design Group Inc.

Lucid Design Group Inc. developed a software that drives energy conservation and savings in commercial buildings. Real-time electricity usage data is used to change the ambient color of LED lights to show building occupants how much energy they are using to help reduce energy usage and allow businesses to meet sustainability goals. Lucid's software has been used by more than 500 businesses in over 15,000 buildings. Lucid was acquired by Acuity Brands, Inc. to enhance their base of networked sensors for lighting and building automation controls.

## EPA SBIR Program

