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AN ACT

1 Establishing the Pennsylvania SBIR/STTR Matching Funds Program  
2 to provide technology grants to small businesses.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Pennsylvania  
7 Small Business Innovation Grant and Small Business Technology  
8 Transfer Matching Funds Program Act.

9 Section 2. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
11 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Business." A for-profit business that is headquartered in  
14 this Commonwealth and participates in either the Federal SBIR or  
15 STTR program.

16 "Department." The Department of Community and Economic

1 Development of the Commonwealth.

2 "SBIR." The Federal Small Business Innovation Research  
3 Program created under 15 U.S.C. § 638 (relating to research and  
4 development).

5 "STTR." Small Business Technology Transfer Program created  
6 under 15 U.S.C. § 638.

7 "Program." The Pennsylvania SBIR/STTR Matching Funds Program  
8 established under section 3.

9 Section 3. Establishment and purpose of program.

10 The Pennsylvania SBIR/STTR Matching Funds Program is  
11 established and shall be administered by the department. The  
12 department may provide a grant to an eligible business in an  
13 amount that matches money received under an SBIR or STTR Phase I  
14 award from the Small Business Administration. The department  
15 shall encourage business participation for Phase II awards.

16 Section 4. Eligibility.

17 To be eligible for a grant under this act, a business must:

18 (1) Have at least one of the business's principal places  
19 of business located in this Commonwealth.

20 (2) Have received a SBIR or STTR Phase I award from the  
21 Small Business Administration in response to a specific  
22 Federal solicitation. To receive a full grant award, the  
23 business must have submitted a final Phase I report,  
24 demonstrated that the Small Business Administration has  
25 interest in the Phase II project proposal and submitted a  
26 Phase II project proposal to the Small Business  
27 Administration.

28 (3) Satisfy Federal SBIR or STTR requirements.

29 (4) Have not received nor shall receive concurrent  
30 funding support from other sources that duplicates the

1 purpose of this act.

2 (5) Certify that at least 51% of the research described  
3 in the Federal SBIR or STTR Phase II project proposal will be  
4 conducted in this Commonwealth and that the business will  
5 remain based in this Commonwealth for the duration of the  
6 SBIR or STTR Phase II project.

7 (6) Demonstrate the business's ability to conduct  
8 research in the SBIR or STTR Phase II project proposal.

9 Section 5. Grant awards.

10 (a) Grant.--The department may award a grant to match the  
11 money received by a business through an SBIR or STTR Phase I  
12 proposal up to a maximum of \$50,000. Seventy-five percent of the  
13 total grant shall be remitted to the business upon receipt of  
14 the SBIR or STTR Phase I award. Twenty-five percent of the total  
15 grant award shall be remitted to the business upon submission of  
16 the Phase II application to the Small Business Administration by  
17 the business and acceptance of the Phase I report by the Small  
18 Business Administration.

19 (b) Limitations.--A business may:

20 (1) Receive only one grant per year.

21 (2) Receive only one grant under this act with respect  
22 to each Federal proposal submission.

23 (3) Only receive a maximum of five awards under the  
24 program.

25 Section 6. Application.

26 The department shall develop an application process for the  
27 program and publish the application process on the department's  
28 publicly accessible Internet website. The application shall  
29 include:

30 (1) The name of the business.

1           (2) The form of business organization under which the  
2 business operates.

3           (3) The name or address of the principal or management  
4 of the business.

5           (4) The Small Business Administration's acknowledgment  
6 of receipt of the Phase I report and Phase II proposal.

7           (5) Any additional information the department deems  
8 necessary to evaluate the application.

9 Section 7. Funding.

10          The General Assembly shall appropriate money to the  
11 department for the administration and distribution of grants  
12 under this act.

13 Section 8. Regulations.

14          The department may promulgate regulations as necessary to  
15 implement the program.

16 Section 9. Effective date.

17          This act shall take effect in 60 days.