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Federal Funding Available To N.H. Small Businesses For Innovation And Commercialization

UNH Affiliates Offer Workshops About Grant Proposals

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DURHAM, N.H. — The N.H. Inspires Innovation program, a collaboration of the New Hampshire Innovation Research Center (NHIRC) and the New Hampshire Small Business Development Center (NH SBDC), is offering a series of statewide workshops for companies interested in applying for competitive federal grants designed to stimulate technology innovation and commercialization.

More than \$2 billion of no-cost federal funding is available nationally through the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grants and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) grants. This funding is designed to help small companies, including faculty start-ups, develop and commercialize innovative products and processes that will result in more high-quality jobs in New Hampshire.

To be eligible for a grant, companies must employ fewer than 500 employees, be 51 percent owned by individuals who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents, and be independently operated without minority shareholders.

N.H. Inspires Innovation provides education and information about SBIR and STTR to New Hampshire businesses and faculty. Lisa Kurek of Biotechnology Business Consultants in Ann Arbor, Mich., will present workshops in the next year that include a half-day overview about SBIR/STTR grants and full-day workshops on specific federal agency grants. One-hour one-on-one eligibility assessments with Kurek and an SBDC business advisor also are available.

Workshop and eligibility assessment dates are as follows:

Workshop Dates

May 8, 2012, Nashua - Department of Defense Proposal Workshop
 May 10, 2012, Manchester - SBIR/STTR 101 Workshop
 July 17, 2012, Portsmouth - Department of Energy Proposal Workshop
 October 16, 2012, Lebanon - National Institute of Health Proposal Workshop
 March/April 2013, Durham - National Science Foundation Proposal Workshop





Eligibility Assessments

May 9, 2012, Nashua
 July 18, 2012, Portsmouth
 October 17, 2012, Lebanon

For more information, visit <http://nhsbdc.org/nh-inspires-innovation>.

The NHIRC was created in 1991 by the New Hampshire Legislature to increase collaboration, technology development, and innovation between New Hampshire businesses and universities. Businesses propose projects in collaboration with researchers, typically at Dartmouth or the University of New Hampshire. Companies then match their project awards to fund the research which often leads to new production methods, products, companies, and jobs.

NH SBDC is an outreach program of the University of New Hampshire Whittemore School of Business and Economics, and a cooperative venture of the U.S. Small Business Administration, the State of New Hampshire (DRED), the University System of New Hampshire, and the private sector. A part of 64 SBDC programs nationwide, the NH SBDC was fully accredited in 2010 by the Association of Small Business Development Centers.

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