

**U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY**

HEARING CHARTER

Thursday, May 4, 2017

TO: Members, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

FROM: Majority Staff, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

SUBJECT: Joint Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce and Subcommittee on Research Technology Hearing “Improving the Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Programs”

The Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce of the Small Business Committee and the Subcommittee on Research and Technology of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology will hold a hearing titled *Improving the Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Programs* on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 2318 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

Hearing Purpose:

The Committee on Small Business and the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology are interested in collaborating on legislation making minor adjustments and improvements to the programs in 2017. The objectives of these initiatives include expansion of commercialization of federally-funded small business research and development, stimulation of technological innovation in the small business sector, and increased use of this community to meet the government’s diverse research and development needs. Government and private sector witnesses will discuss the programs and suggest potential improvements to help stimulate commercialization rates, modify reporting requirements that improve data collection, and ensure agencies are utilizing all of the tools available to help transition SBIR and STTR technology into larger contracts.

Witness List

Panel 1:

- **Mr. Joe Shepard**, Associate Administrator, Office of Investment and Innovation, United States Small Business Administration
- **Mr. John Neumann**, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, U.S. Government Accountability Office

Panel 2:

- **Mr. John Clanton**, Chief Executive Officer, Lynntech, Inc.
- **Dr. John S. Langford**, Chairman and CEO, Aurora Flight Sciences Corporation
- **Mr. Ron Shroder**, CEO/President, Frontier Technologies Inc.
- **Ms. Angela M. Albán**, President and CEO, SIMETRI, Inc.
- **Dr. Clinton T. Rubin**, SUNY Distinguished Professor and Chair, Department of Biomedical Engineering, Director, Center for Biotechnology

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