



- Ten federal agencies with external R&D budgets in excess of \$100 million are required by federal statute to conduct a national research grant program.
- **Over \$1 billion is distributed throughout the U.S. annually to for-profit small businesses through the SBIR program.**
- Montana's technical assistance program was started in 1999 and has helped make a significant difference in the number and amount of federal awards Montana companies have received.

Results:

Montana Awards - 1999 through 2003:

- 97 Phase I SBIR awards worth \$ 8,882,460 to Montana companies.
- 42 Phase II SBIR awards worth \$ 24,391,441.
- 12 Phase I STTR awards worth \$ 1,168,654.
- 5 Phase II STTR awards worth \$ 1,062,296.

Montana Awards 2004:

- 22 Phase I SBIR awards worth \$ 2,220,360 to Montana companies.
- 11 Phase II SBIR awards worth \$ 5,714,208.
- 2 Phase I STTR awards worth \$ 200,023.
- 2 Phase II STTR awards worth \$ 1,250,000.

Congressional Earmark Information

The Montana Department of Commerce has been notified that it has won **\$200,000 for a State government information sharing initiative.** The set aside funds are under the Omnibus Bill.

Time Period: Per Senator Burns Office - Funds must be obligated by October 1, 2005

Purpose of the Funding: The Montana Department of Commerce anticipates using the funds to:

- Provide funding for additional training and outreach seminars.
- Provide funding to develop new private sector "coaches" that will assist Montana companies in applying for and winning SBIR grants.
- Develop a centralized information repository for Montana's high-tech sector.