



Minnesota Science & Technology Authority

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Dear Ms. Hopeman:

This letter is in response to language passed in the 2010 regarding the creation of the Minnesota Science and Technology Authority (MnSTA), Statute 116W.01.

MnSTA received \$500,000 in one-time funds until spent for the biennium. The funding covers:

- The salary of one staff person;
- SciTechsperience Internship Program - \$150,000 to fund the placement of 60 STEM –related college interns into small businesses across the state.
 - Awarded to the Minnesota High Tech Association to administer and implement in November 2011;
- Phase II Commercialization Plan Preparation - \$150,000 to support 15 companies submitting commercialization plans with their Phase II technical proposals to 11 agencies in the federal government via the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Programs.
 - Phase II funds up to 2 years of advanced research and prototype development
 - Agencies award up to \$1 million per Phase II award.

The Authority also received a one year grant of \$55,444 from the Small Business Administration to support outreach, education and technical support for small businesses submitting grant proposals to the federal. The funding will support:

- 12 workshops/webinars around the state
 - Getting Ready to Write, Proposal Phase I & II Proposal Writing, Agency Specific (Departments of Defense & Energy, National Science Foundation and National Institutes of Health, Cost Accounting/Contract Management and Working with Department of Defense Procurement/Technology Readiness Levels
 - Phase I & Phase II proposal technical reviews
 - Phase II Commercialization Plan Preparation

Please let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached at 651-259-7441.

Sincerely,

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