

Virtual Professional Development and Rural Entrepreneur Support The Small Business Innovation Research Program

The USDA SBIR Program Office is pleased to offer a unique opportunity for those who would like to learn more about the **Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program**. Every year, the USDA SBIR program provides ~ \$27,000,000 to small businesses to address problems facing rural America. Past grant recipients include small and mid-sized farms, ranches and start-ups formed to solve local problems. Other small businesses are started by scientists and engineers – many of whom graduated from the nation's Land Grant Universities including the 1890 historically black colleges and universities and the 1994 tribal colleges and universities.

To provide a convenient way for you to learn more about this program we are offering a brief, virtual training program. Training is comprised of 5 weekly one-hour webinars (live or recorded) and a brief activity aimed at discovering previous SBIR awardees and complementary service providers in your area. USDA, Land-grant university, and Cooperative Extension that complete this course will receive a **Certificate of Completion** signed by leadership at SBA and USDA. **There is NO charge for participation.**

To accommodate people's schedules, three sessions of the **USDA SBIR Outreach Training and Technical Assistance Program** will be offered. USDA personnel can attend any one of their choice.

Session 1: Every Tuesday from 2:00 – 3:00 (EDT) starting June 16th and ending July 14th

Session 2: Every Wednesday from 2:00 – 3:00 (EDT) starting June 17th and ending July 15th

Session 3: Every Thursday from 2:00 – 3:00 (EDT) starting June 18th and ending July 16th

If you are interested in learning more about this program, register now at www.usdasbir.com

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