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Nearly 300 NSF-funded startups and small businesses to demo emerging technologies

Media invited to attend technology showcase in Atlanta



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Startups and small businesses with funding from the National Science Foundation (NSF) will demonstrate pre-market technologies on June 5-6 in Atlanta. From [bacteria-grown bricks](https://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/good-bye?https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6BqoM4am8kw) <<https://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/good-bye?https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6BqoM4am8kw>> and [clear solar panels](https://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/good-bye?https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5AXu-kGjwHE) <<https://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/good-bye?https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5AXu-kGjwHE>> to [custom artificial voices](https://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/good-bye?https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-2g_0dLyz4s) <https://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/good-bye?https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-2g_0dLyz4s> and [low-cost pollution sensors](https://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/good-bye?https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sz3uuFIX4CQ) <<https://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/good-bye?https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sz3uuFIX4CQ>>, more than 300 NSF-funded companies will have representatives available to talk about their work.

NSF awards nearly \$190 million annually to startups and small businesses through its Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Technology Transfer ([SBIR/STTR](https://www.nsf.gov/eng/iip/sbir/home.jsp) <<https://www.nsf.gov/eng/iip/sbir/home.jsp>>.) program, with the aim of transforming scientific discoveries into products and services with commercial and societal impact.

The technology showcase is part of NSF's annual SBIR/STTR Phase II Grantee Conference. Startups and companies that pass through an initial feasibility and proof-of-concept phase move on to a second phase, at which point they receive additional funding for research and development (R&D). The NSF SBIR/STTR

program helped tech giants such as Sy developed their core technology.

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The companies at this year's showcase each received an average of more than \$1 million in NSF R&D funding to create a prototype and move their discovery out of the lab and into the market. Detailed information about each company and its technology is available on [the conference website <https://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/good-bye?https://www.nsfipconf.com/2017sbirp2/techshowcase/>](https://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/good-bye?https://www.nsfipconf.com/2017sbirp2/techshowcase/).

What: Technology showcase during the NSF SBIR/STTR Phase II Grantee Conference.

When: June 5-6, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. EDT

Where: Atlanta Marriott Marquis, Atlanta

RSVP: Interested media must RSVP to attend. Please contact Sarah Bates at sabates@nsf.gov (<mailto:sabates@nsf.gov>).

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