



# News Release

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## **Federal Agencies Connect to Researchers and Inventors**

PIERRE, S.D. – Fifteen participating agencies representing \$2.2 billion in annual early-stage funding will be in Sioux Falls next week to meet with interested inventors and tech-based companies.

The South Dakota Small Business Innovation Research Center (SBIR) Center, in conjunction with the University of South Dakota Discovery District and South Dakota EPSCoR, will host a road tour event Tuesday, Aug. 16, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at University Center-Sioux Falls. The event is open to all innovators, entrepreneurs, researchers, and small technology firms.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet one on one with program managers to learn how to successfully compete for funding in a broad range of research areas. Federal agencies participating will include National Institutes of Health, Navy, Air Force, Army, Missile Defense Agency, DARPA, Navy-NAVAIR, Department of Energy, Department of Agriculture, National Science Foundation, NASA, DOC-NIST, Environmental Protection Agency, Small Business Administration, and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Additional information about the event can be found at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2016-south-dakota-sbir-road-tour-tickets-26058986129>. To schedule one-on-one meetings, access this link at: <http://www.sbirroadtour.com/meetingrequests/sd/>. South Dakota EPSCoR has designated this event a professional development activity for faculty and for post-doctoral and graduate students and will cover registration fees.