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SCRA's SC Launch Awards SBIR/STTR Matching Grants to South Carolina-based Companies

Grants available through June 30, 2009 offering 100% matching funds up to \$100,000 to qualified SC small businesses

CHARLESTON, SC, April 14, 2009 – SC Launch, an SCRA affiliate, announces today that it has awarded six SBIR/STTR matching grants during its 2009 fiscal year to date. The SC Launch SBIR/STTR Phase I Matching Grant Program, now in its second year, awards matching funds to South Carolina-based companies that have been granted a Federal Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program or Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Program Phase I award.

Companies awarded 2009 SC Launch SBIR/STTR matching grants as of March 2009 are listed below. The first three companies listed utilize internally generated intellectual property. The remaining three companies below utilize intellectual property licensed through one of South Carolina's research universities.

- Correlated Solutions, Inc., offering non-contact shape and deformation measurement solutions for materials and product testing.
- Doty Scientific, Inc., a designer and manufacturer of scientific instrumentation, primarily nuclear magnetic resonance technology.
- Electronic Systems Support, LLC, a company that holds an integrated collection of tools, compilers, and development environments for supporting software development on a wide variety of platforms and in a variety of languages.

- Selah Technologies, LLC, a privately held advanced materials innovator focused on the development of nanotechnology-enabled products for the biomedical industry using technologies licensed from Clemson University.
- Sensor Electronic Technology, Inc., commercializing semiconductor and UV LED technologies with intellectual property licensed from the University of South Carolina.
- Tetramer Technologies, LLC, creating advanced materials for alternative energy and other applications, affiliated with Clemson University.

The SC Launch SBIR/STTR Matching Grant Program is designed to foster job creation and further build the Knowledge Economy in South Carolina by increasing the competitive position of South Carolina small businesses in attracting SBIR and STTR grant funding. The program also provides incentive for companies that have been awarded Federal Phase I feasibility research support to participate in the Phase II program. Selah Technologies and Tetramer Technologies have each captured two SBIR/STTR matching grants.

“SCRA’s support of the SC Launch SBIR/STTR Matching Grant program is vital to emerging-growth entrepreneurial startups across South Carolina,” said Michael Bolick, President & CEO of Selah Technologies. “The program provides an outstanding incentive for small innovative companies to locate and grow in South Carolina.”

“The SC Launch Matching Grant program is increasing the number of South Carolina small businesses that apply for Federal research dollars within the state,” said Bill Mahoney, SCRA CEO. “This program can also increase the productivity of Phase I research for South Carolina startups, which can make them more competitive when they apply for Phase II funds,” he said. “Winning Phase II awards typically allow start-ups to complete development of innovative technology into expanded commercial offerings within the state.”

The total amount available in the 2009 SBIR/STTR fund is \$1,000,000. Each grant award in the Program may be up to \$100,000. Grants are available to qualifying companies through June 30, 2009 on a first-come, first-served basis unless program funds have been fully deployed prior to the deadline. SC Launch intends to renew the fund again beginning on July 1, 2009, pending resolution of federal program approval and continuation.

To learn more about the Program and how to apply, visit <http://www.sclaunch.org> within the “Programs” tab to download the Match Solicitation, Program Guidelines and the Application form.

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About SC Launch

SC Launch, an SCRA collaboration, assists entrepreneurial start-up companies with up-front counseling, seed-funding, and access to a powerful resource network. The SC Launch! mission is to help generate knowledge economy jobs in South Carolina, enhance the state’s quality of life and provide opportunity for all South Carolinians in the new economy.

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