Engineering Advisory Committee Subcommittee on the SBIR-STTR Program

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Liaison to the Subcommittee

October 24-25, 2017

Meeting Schedule

- Recent meetings

  ➢ November 29-30, 2016 in Arlington, Virginia

  ➢ June 7-8, 2017 in Atlanta, Georgia

- All approved meeting minutes provided to Engineering Advisory Committee

- Upcoming meeting

  ➢ November 28-29, 2017 in Alexandria, Virginia

- Transitioning to one in-person meeting per year

Working Groups Continue High-Level of Activity

Working Group	IIP Staff Contact	Chair (from Subcommittee)	Members (from Subcommittee)
Assessment	Ben Schrag	Robert "Skip" Rung	Susan Butts Dick Paul Susan Preston Karthik Ramani David Spencer
Broadening Participation	Jesus Soriano	Ann Savoca	Karen Kerr Tom Knight Arlene Garrison William Lockwood-Benet
Deal Flow	Gracie Narcho	Annette Finsterbusch	Karen Kerr Eugene Krentsel Ann Savoca Susan Preston
Entrepreneurial Education	Barry Johnson	Susan Preston	Susan Butts William Lockwood-Benet Karthik Ramani Skip Rung

Meet Together

Recommendations from Last Meeting

- Frequency and location of future Subcommittee meetings

  ➢ Supports one in-person meeting per year due to budget constraints

  ➢ Encourages more frequent Working Group meetings via conference calls

  ➢ Welcomes teleconference with full Subcommittee in lieu of second in-person meeting

- Assessment

  ➢ Considers progress to be excellent since previous meeting

  ➢ Believes the strategic framework created is excellent

  ➢ Supports hiring a Science Analyst to be dedicated to assessment

Recommendations from Last Meeting (Continued)

- Broadening participation and deal flow

  - ➢ Congratulates team on more than 50% of Phase I proposals from new PIs

  - ➢ Recommends adopting Salesforce as quickly as possible

  - ➢ Supports mission statement presented for activity:

    - "Increase the diversity in the NSF SBIR/STTR program by fostering the participation and competitiveness of groups that are traditionally underrepresented or underserved in the STEM enterprise."

  - ➢ Recommends expanding to include business success for underrepresented groups

- Entrepreneurial Education

  - ➢ Commends Phase II Grantee Conference as outstanding

  - ➢ Recommends developing pre-Phase I training materials (Phase 0)

  - ➢ Recommends making materials available via the Website

Discussion