

## **State Support for New Ventures:**

- SBIR/STTR Phase 0/00 Program
  - INCITE Co-Investment fund
  - "Venture Match" Networking

# **SBIR/STTR Program Overview**



- Administered by the US Small Business Administration
- SBIR Program: ~\$2.5 Billion per year
- STTR Program: ~\$300 Million per year
- 11 Federal Agencies
- 33% awardees are first-time winners
- 70% of awards go to companies with 25 or fewer employees

# **SBIR/STTR Award Phases**



Phase	Stage of Company	Amount of Award	Length of Award	Win Rate
Phase I	Proof of concept, feasibility study	\$150,000- \$225,000	6 to 12 months	12%
Phase II	Prototype development, field-testing, clinical studies	\$1,000,000- \$1,500,000	18 to 24 months	40%
Phase III*	Follow-on R&D and commercialization	Phase IIb: \$500,000+	18 to 24 months	???

<sup>\*</sup>Company expected to raise private capital (angel or venture capital

# **LaunchTN SBIR/STTR Support Goals**



- Increase the total amount of federal SBIR/STTR funding coming to Tennessee on an annual basis
- Increase the number of Tennessee firms participating in SBIR/STTR programs
- Assist Tennessee firms in achieving win rates that are at least double the national averages for Phase I and Phase II SBIRs/STTRs
- To make every effort to ensure that Phase I winners become Phase II winners
- Tie in participating companies with other resources such as the regional accelerators

# **LaunchTN SBIR Phase 0/00 Program**

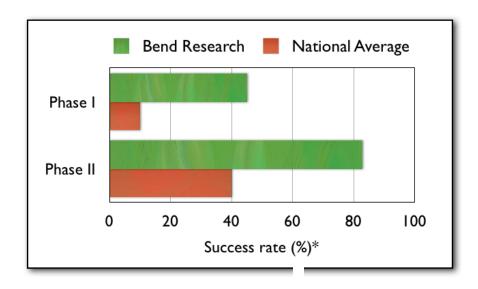


(Dec 2012 – Dec 2013)

LaunchTN		LaunchTN		
Phase 0	Phase I	Phase 00	Phase II	Phase III
Grant Support Consultation from Grow Emerging Company (EC)	6-12 months \$150k - \$225k	Grant Support Consultation from Grow EC	   18-24 months   \$750k - \$1.5M   	Non-SBIR Funds Program Dependent

## **Grow Emerging Company's Success**







- Colorado: 6 for 12 Phase I wins
- Oregon: 5 for 10 Phase I wins
- Hawaii: 2 Phase I winners USDA
- Wyoming: 4 out 4 Phase I winners

- >2000 proposals
- >20 years experience with state Phase 0 programs
- >30 years experience winning SBIR/STTR grant awards
- > 50 presentations at national SBIR/STTR conferences



Mark Henry – Founder, Grow EC "The Vince Lombardi of the SBIR program"

### **INCITE Co-investment Fund Overview**

#### **Driving Capital Formation in Tennessee**

- Co-investment fund <u>passively invests</u> alongside the private sector in <u>Tennessee-based deals</u>
- Fund acts as an investor and makes **equity investments under the same terms** as other investors
- Investors with \$15MM in AUM can lead deals; other accredited investors can participate in deals

#### \$30MM Co-investment Fund

#### **Terms**

- 25% carried interest to approved investors
- Common & Preferred Equity

#### **Targeted Industries**

- Healthcare
- Life Sciences
- Logistics
- Business Services

#### **Deal Sizes** \*

- (X:Y match) , with X = Consortium, Y = LaunchTN
- \$300,000 \$1,000,000 before TN contribution (2:1 match)
- \$1,000,001 \$4,500,000 (3:1 match)
- \$4,500,001 \$12,000,000 (4:1 match)

#### **Timeline**

- 2 weeks to become an approved investor
- 2 weeks to process a qualified investment

#### **Investment Requirements**

- Co. must be non-public
- HQ in TN
- At least 60% of employees in TN for NTM following investment
- Fewer than 500 employees
- Cannot be engaged in professional services, real estate, oil & gas E&P, or vice

<sup>\*</sup> Represents investment consortium size prior to Launch Tennessee equity investment

## "Venture Match" Nashville (Speed Dating)





'Venture Match' is an opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations with some of Tennessee's top innovators and explore the best emerging opportunities to match entrepreneurs with technologies in order to develop new companies, create sustainable jobs, and build value for investors.

When & Where	Details
Tuesday April 30 <sup>th</sup> 2013 6:00pm-8:00pm Vanderbilt University Club	<ul> <li>Speaker: Benoit Dawant (co-founder of Neurotargeting)</li> <li>Host: Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, LLP</li> <li>Refreshments provided</li> </ul>

Free registration at <a href="http://www.launchtn.org/events">http://www.launchtn.org/events</a>

# Thank you!

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