

## Success Stories

### Ecovative

Ecovative addresses challenges of waste producing packaging by pioneering a new materials science. With early and ongoing support from EPA's SBIR Program, Ecovative developed MycoFoam™ materials – grown from the mushroom component mycelium – as a replacement for hydrocarbon-derived synthetics in packaging, insulation, and structural cores.

### PittMoss LLC

PittMoss LLC was established to offer a sustainable, man-made product that would serve the same function as peat moss, which sequesters 33 percent of the world's stored soil carbon. PittMoss is a sustainable alternative to potting soil made of paper rescued from landfills. It delivers many benefits over traditional peat moss including a lower price, decreased runoff, and decreased water usage.

### GVD Corporation

GVD Corporation created a mold-release coating that uses no hazardous organic solvents. GVD has partnered with major automotive parts manufacturers that use GVD's mold-release coatings to streamline tire manufacturing and reduce the environmental burden of traditional coatings.

### Lucid Design Group Inc.

Lucid Design Group Inc. developed software that drives energy conservation and savings in commercial buildings. Their software has been used by more than 500 customers in 13,000 buildings in metropolitan areas like Chicago and Washington. Lucid was acquired by Acuity Brands, Inc. in 2018 to enhance their base of networked sensors for lighting and building automation controls.

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## EPA's SBIR Program

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) mission is to protect human health and the environment. EPA's Small Business Research Innovation Program supports small businesses (500 or fewer employees) to develop and commercialize novel environmental technologies that support this mission.

### PHASE I

Phase I awards are \$100,000 for six months and for "proof of concept" of the technology.

### PHASE II

Phase II awards are for up to \$400,000 for two years to further develop and commercialize the technology. Phase II companies that obtain qualifying third party investments are eligible for a commercialization option of \$100,000.

For information on the EPA SBIR Program, visit [www.epa.gov/sbir](http://www.epa.gov/sbir).

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For information on the federal-wide SBIR Program, visit [www.SBIR.gov](http://www.SBIR.gov).

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## Solicitation Topics

The next EPA SBIR solicitation is scheduled to open in June 2020. For reference, the 2019 topics and subtopics are listed below.

### Clean and Safe Water

- Novel sampling devices for microplastics
- Novel technologies for rehabilitation of water infrastructure
- Novel technologies for the destruction of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances in water and wastewater
- Point-of-use treatment for opportunistic pathogens
- Innovative technologies for the rapid detection and treatment of antibiotic resistant bacteria in wastewater
- Treatment for cyanobacteria and cyanotoxins in drinking water
- Resource recovery for decentralized wastewater systems

### Air Quality

- Air monitoring technology for ethylene oxide
- Air monitoring technology for sulfur dioxide

### Land Revitalization

- Mining site characterization and remediation

### Homeland Security

- 3-D gamma camera to map radiological contamination
- Novel water distribution and stormwater system sensors

### Sustainable Materials Management

- New applications for industrial non-hazardous secondary materials
- Preventing food waste

### Safer Chemicals

- Novel, safer paint and coating removal products

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