

AGENCY: Space Alliance Technology Outreach Program **Industry Specific Incentives**

DESCRIPTION: The Space Alliance Technology Outreach Program will provide a FREE service designed to speed the transfer of space technology to the private sector by assisting small businesses facing technical challenges. SATOP functions to provide a return on the investment for the general public from their tax dollars that support the Space Program.

ELIGIBILITY: Businesses include but are not limited to consumer goods, technology, manufacturing, distribution, safety & protection, electrical, transportation and more.

STRUCTURE:

- A Request for Technical Assistance (RTA) can be accepted from a small business, an entrepreneur, an inventor or any other general organization (public, not-for-profit, etc.).
- The RTA must have a distinct and identifiable problem. For example, “Design and create an entire new machine” is too broad.
- For each request, the technical problem must appear to be solvable in the 40-hour time allotment.
- For non-developed products, the company or person requesting must have a prototype or specific drawings. However, this is subjective depending on the nature of the request.
- Process:
 - A company submits a request for Technical Assistance (RTA) submitted to SATOP which is evaluated
 - SATOP Partners distribute RTA to technical contacts who advise SATOP center with level of assistance
 - Alliance Partner contacts requestor and provides up to 40 hours of assistance the alliance. The partner informs SATOP center when project is complete. Most requests are fulfilled within 90 days!

QUALIFICATIONS/CRITERIA:

- An RTA cannot be accepted from company or business outside of the United States.
- The requester cannot seek technical assistance if the solution can be provided by existing products, technologies and services.
- For more information, visit www.spacetechnologies.com .