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Project Pitch: 00016586
SBIR/STTR Topic Area: SBIR: Distributed Ledger (DL)
Invite Date: 5/4/2020
Expiration Date: 5/4/2021

Dear Jeffrey,

Upon reviewing your submitted Project Pitch, I am pleased to inform you that you are invited to submit a full proposal to the NSF SBIR/STTR Phase I program.

Please comply with all guidelines and instructions for preparation of your invited full proposal as specified in the NSF SBIR/STTR Phase I program solicitation (see links below), paying close attention to the necessary registrations, required documents and merit review criteria. You will also need to affirm that you meet the eligibility criteria for a small business concern (see section IV. of the solicitation document for details). Proposals that do not comply with the guidelines or do not meet the listed eligibility requirements outlined in the solicitation may be returned without review.

- NSF SBIR Phase I Solicitation:
<https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2020/nsf20527/nsf20527.htm>
- NSF STTR Phase I
<https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2020/nsf20528/nsf20528.htm?org=NSF>

When preparing your proposal for submission via the NSF Fastlane System, please upload this email as confirmation of your invitation to submit a full proposal using the “Other Supplementary Documents” section in Fastlane. Please also make sure to select the following topic area from the drop down menu when completing the NSF SBIR Phase I Cover Page for your proposal: SBIR: Distributed Ledger (DL). For a list of sub-topic areas, please review our most recent solicitation topic and subtopic document here.

Additional Guidance or Feedback (if applicable): This is not invited for our COVID merit review, but you are welcome to submit a proposal to our general solicitation under distributed ledger. See below:

Thank you for submitting this project pitch. While we are still offering acceleration for projects with clear levels of high technical innovation and differentiation vs. the state of the art that have high relevance and time sensitivity for the current pandemic, many other proposals initially submitted for COVID acceleration are being moved to our general solicitation review (with its normal response times, which can also move quickly in some cases). This move to the general solicitation consideration is instead of being declined for the accelerated COVID solicitation (which is now highly competitive and operating at high volumes). There is the additional advantage of ensuring your proposal gets full review by joining with our most similar proposals (many with focus on COVID as well that did not fit into the COVID accelerated solicitation). It is still possible proposal may be reviewed on a somewhat accelerated timeframe, but we cannot guarantee that at this time, as we work to get appropriate review for all proposals invited. Looking forward to your submission and thank you in advance for your understanding.

I highly recommend starting the system for Award Management ([SAM](#)) registration process immediately. The SAM registration process is free, but can take up to a month to complete. You MUST have an active SAM.gov registration number to register with NSF and submit an invited full proposal through FastLane. Registration expires after one year.

For additional details regarding proposal preparation and upcoming informational webinars, please visit our program [webpage](#).

Please be aware that this invitation to submit a full proposal (based off of the project proposed in the associated Pitch above) is valid for

***one year and can only be used once for one full proposal submission
(i.e. cannot be used for multiple full proposal submissions).***

Thank you,
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