



## **Innovate Rhode Island FAST (IRI-FAST)**

*an SBA FAST-funded program | spearheaded by RI STAC*

### **CALL FOR PARTNERSHIP**

*The Innovate Rhode Island FAST program* is a collaboration tool for high-growth startups and small businesses in science and technology innovation to access [America's Seed Fund](#) while gaining strategic support for building viable cutting-edge businesses. IRI-FAST is built on three core structures: 1. Outreach and recruitment of companies, 2. Business strategy, development and mentorship, and 3. Matching funds. This comprehensive program builds on the decades of science and technology (S&T) investment in the state of Rhode Island and positions the region for the next stage of growth.

### **GOALS**

- Coordination the innovation support resources for small businesses
- Increased awareness of the federal SBIR-STTR program
- Increased applications to federal SBIR-STTR opportunities
- Increased non-dilutive grant funding to Rhode Island innovators and businesses
- Increased S&T innovation in the State
- Seed, grow, expand and help innovative businesses thrive in Rhode Island

### **PARTNERS WANTED**

IRI-FAST aims to be a one-stop landing place for information on federal SBIR/STTR opportunities and Rhode Island business support. As an important resource to the innovation ecosystem in Rhode Island, we hope you'll join us in this effort.

IRI-FAST Partnership includes:

- Participation in quarterly meetings
- Assistance in identifying gaps in the support ecosystem for SBIR/STTR
- Sharing of partnership details with IRI-FAST for posting on the IRI-FAST web page calendar of events and resources
- Commit to being a resource for companies seeking SBIR/STTR support
- Hosting and/or participation in local SBIR/STTR events

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