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## Announcements

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**EPA SBIR 2023-2024 Phase I Solicitation Now Open.** The [2023-2024 EPA SBIR Phase I solicitation](#) is open through August 23, 2023. EPA is accepting proposals from small businesses for Phase I SBIR awards of up to \$100,000 to demonstrate proof of concept for specific topics under the broad focus areas of clean and safe water, air quality and climate, land, homeland security, circular economy/sustainable materials and safer chemicals. Explore this year's research topics and proposal instructions for the [2023-2024 EPA SBIR Phase I solicitation](#).

Want more information on the EPA SBIR application process? View the [presentation slides and Q&A](#) from the EPA SBIR Informational Webinar or explore the [How to Apply](#) guide.

**Blue Cyber Initiative Supports Small Business Cybersecurity.** The Department of the Air Force launched the [Blue Cyber](#) outreach initiative to help small businesses better understand cybersecurity best practices, information protection requirements, and state and federal resources available to implement them. Visit the [Blue Cyber](#) website to learn more about the Blue Cyber Education Series, watch Blue Cyber education videos and explore upcoming virtual events.

## SBIR Small Business Spotlight

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**CleanRobotics, Inc.**, an EPA SBIR small business based in Colorado, received the EPA SBIR commercialization option of nearly \$100,000. This funding matches a \$100,000 investment the company received from an angel investor interested in supporting the advancement of CleanRobotics' innovative recycling technology. CleanRobotics' [EPA SBIR project](#) is focused on developing an automated trash sorting system at the point of disposal to improve the collection and sorting of recyclables.



**OnMaterials LLC**, a former EPA SBIR small business based in California, received [EPA SBIR funding](#) in 2003 to support the development of a zero valent iron powder to remove groundwater contaminants. Since 2018, this commercial product, now called [S-MicroZVI](#), has been used by another environmental remediation firm, [Regenesis](#). S-MicroZVI, which is used for *in situ* chemical reduction of contaminants within the subsurface environment, is now responsible for over \$5 million in direct sales every year and generates over \$10 million in complimentary products and services revenue annually.

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