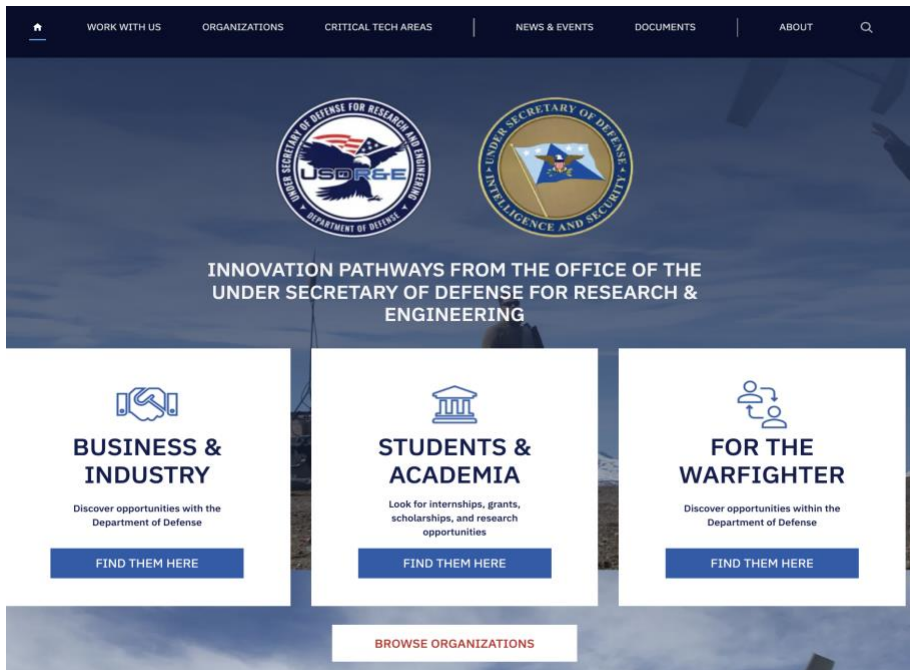




The Department of Defense (DoD) actively seeks collaboration with small businesses, including those engaged in the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program, to drive technological advancements and strengthen national security. The [CTO Innovation website](#) serves as a central hub for SBIR companies to discover opportunities and connect with various DoD initiatives.



## Discovering Opportunities

The "Business & Industry" section on the CTO Innovation website is tailored for companies aiming to work with the DoD. This section provides insights into critical technology areas, manufacturing partnerships, and prototyping opportunities, enabling SBIR companies to align their innovations with DoD needs.

## Staying Informed

Navigate to the Business and Industry Tab and select the "find them here" button. Companies are asked to complete a form to narrow down the available resources. Once you have completed the online form you can navigate to the "new and events" tab at the top of the webpage and find related events. These events include industry days, symposiums, conferences, expositions, and webinars. The "Contact" section also provides avenues to inquire about specific opportunities or suggest new events.



By leveraging the resources available on the CTO Innovation website, SBIR companies can effectively navigate the DoD innovation landscape, identify relevant opportunities, and establish valuable connections within the defense sector.

## Exploring the Innovation Ecosystem

The [Innovation Ecosystem](#) offers an interactive map that illustrates connections between organizations involved with the DoD. This tool helps SBIR companies identify potential partners and understand the broader landscape of defense innovation.

## Engaging with Innovation Organizations

The "Organizations" section provides information on various DoD entities focused on innovation, including:

- **Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA):** Pursues high-risk, high-reward research projects to drive technological breakthroughs.
- **Defense Innovation Unit (DIU):** Accelerates the adoption of commercial technology into the military to strengthen national security.
- **National Security Innovation Network (NSIN):** Fosters collaboration between the DoD and innovators to solve national security challenges.

Engaging with these organizations can provide SBIR companies with valuable insights and collaboration opportunities.