

There are two terms that are often confused.

- Technical Transfer** is a partnership between government & industry by means of which technology developed by one party is transferred to the other party for development and use, often with residual rights to the transferring party. In DoD parlance, these are 6.1 (Basic Research), 6.2 (Applied Research), and 6.3 (Advanced Technical Development). These monies are typically found in the DoD Science & Technology (S&T) budget lines are frequently used to fund STTRs and Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) Phases 1, 2, and 3 respectively. The SBA, PTAC and University Outreach offices typically assist companies and universities with these procurements.
- Technical Transition** is the process by which technology deemed to be of significant use to the operational military community is transitioned from the S&T environment to a military operational Field unit for evaluation and then incorporated into an existing acquisition program. This can be a follow-on to the Technical Transfer process or a means to get commercial off the shelf innovations into a prototype, funded and tested by DoD, and then as a modification to an existing program of record. This is a streamlined means to monetize private investments without relinquishing intellectual property (IP). DoD has recognized a need for this and established processes & procedures to reach out to industry

