

**September 2012 Constituent Newsletter**

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**NIST Office of Congressional & Legislative Affairs****September 2012 Newsletter****FY 2013-2015 NIST Programmatic Plans**

NIST recently published a three-year programmatic plan that summarizes the focus of the agency in strategic planning and prioritizing investments from 2013 through 2015. The plan is available on line via the link below.

<http://www.nist.gov/director/upload/NIST-3YP-FY13-15.pdf>

**3rd NNMI Workshop Scheduled for September 27, 2012 in Irvine California**

The third in a series of regional public workshops to gather ideas and suggestions for the design of the proposed National Network for Manufacturing Innovation (NNMI), will be held on September 27, 2012, at the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Center of the National Academies of Sciences and Engineering, Irvine, California. Invited speakers include industry executives, local and state leaders, and administration officials as plenary and panelist speakers. The workshop will also feature interactive discussion sessions on topics key to the success of the NNMI and individual institutes.

The NNMI is a collaborative effort to improve the U.S. manufacturing sector's competitiveness and innovation performance, focusing on the scale-up of new product and process technologies. A broad public-private partnership and participation among manufacturing stakeholders from industry, academia, state and local government, economic-development, and other organizations is essential.

Workshop registration details are posted online at the following link:

[http://www.manufacturing.gov/amp/event\\_092712.html](http://www.manufacturing.gov/amp/event_092712.html)

**NIST Announces 12 SBIR Awards**

August 31, 2012 marked the announcement of nearly \$2 million in Phase I and Phase II Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) awards to 12 U.S. businesses. The award funds help companies develop technologies that could lead to commercial and public benefit. NIST's SBIR program is a competitive funding opportunity providing contracts to small businesses for federal research and development. In Phase I, small businesses can receive up to \$90,000 to establish the scientific or technical merit or feasibility of ideas that support the commercial potential of their research. If after six months the Phase I awardees have accomplished their goals, they can compete for Phase II funding of up to \$300,000 to continue their research and development efforts for up to two years.

Details on the 12 businesses and their SBIR research programs are available at the web link below.

[http://www.nist.gov/public\\_affairs/releases/sbir-083112.cfm](http://www.nist.gov/public_affairs/releases/sbir-083112.cfm)

**NIST September 2012 Standard Reference Material (SRM) Newsletter**

NIST's Measurement Services Division (MSD) supplies industry, academia, government, and other users with over 1200 reference materials of the highest quality and metrological value. MSD's quarterly newsletter, SRM Spotlight, provides customers current information on new developments in Standard Reference Materials and related activities.

The URL below provides a web link to the September 2012 edition.

<http://www.nist.gov/srm/upload/September2012-Spotlight-2-4.pdf>

