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Events

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APEX's Microelectronics Strategy Forum **May 11-13, 2021 | FREE Virtual Event**

About the event: Join APEX for a two-day event that explores the policies, opportunities and activities that attract, educate and retain quality students from high school through college for careers in microelectronics and related disciplines in the United States.

Why should you attend?

By attending, you'll have opportunity to:

- Engage with diverse stakeholders across universities, industry, the Department of Defense and U.S. Air Force
- Form alliances in a venue for shaping organic partnerships to advance microelectronics priorities
- Build buy-in from stakeholders who shape and inform the framework of the U.S. microelectronics strategy
- Secure funding and in-kind arrangements through partnerships for internships, fellowships and post-education jobs
- Help make the U.S. microelectronics strategy successful by supporting its mission, vision and critical success factors



Mixed Reality Air Refueling Training Challenge

February 23, 2021

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Air Force Virtual Datathon

February 24, 2021

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Updates

**Get Connected with the U.S. Air Force!
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The Air Force & Space Force needs your ideas!

The Department of the Air Force is committed to delivering an effective service to connect industry, academia and the government by expanding and strengthening their partnerships and leveraging the innovation networks within them. The Air Force Tech Connect is a new product provided by the U.S. Air Force to ensure more external innovations have a transformational impact on the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Space Force.

The Tech Connect team, comprised of Air Force Research Laboratory personnel, connects quality, relevant ideas and technologies with U.S. Air Force subject matter experts. The Tech Connect Team will review submitted ideas and inquiries, provide feedback and establish a dialogue between the submitter and potentially interested U.S. Air Force and U.S. Space Force programs.



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FY 2021 DoD General Release Schedule

Dates are subject to change

We offer process navigation services free of charge to academic and entrepreneurial researchers wanting to apply for a USAF SBIR/STTR solicitation round.

The 2021 Solicitation schedule is listed below. Please note, dates are subject to change.

FY 2021 DoD SBIR/STTR BAA SCHEDULE

1 SBIR 21.1 STTR 21.A	PRE-RELEASE DEC 8, 2020	>	OPEN JAN 14, 2021	>	CLOSE FEB 18, 2021
2 SBIR 21.2 STTR 21.B	PRE-RELEASE APR 21, 2021	>	OPEN MAY 19, 2021	>	CLOSE JUN 17, 2021
3 SBIR 21.3 STTR 21.C	PRE-RELEASE AUG 25, 2021	>	OPEN SEP 23, 2021	>	CLOSE OCT 22, 2021

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News



YBI Company Secures First Air Force Contract

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio — A portfolio company housed in the Youngstown Business Incubator has secured what could be a long-term contract with the U.S. Air Force, thanks to a partnership designed to help local companies participate in government defense programs.

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Tech Warrior Enterprise - Virtual Tactical Ops Event

On April 19 - 23, 2021, small businesses from all over the United States are invited to our sister program, Tech Warrior Enterprise's, Tactical Ops event. This five-day event is geared towards tactical technologies with possible military applications.

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The Academic Partnership Engagement Experiment cultivates innovation by expanding the American research enterprise in a way that moves defense technology from discovery to reality. APEX connects academic innovators with the Department of the Air Force and industry and eliminates barriers in accelerating the transition of science and technology solutions into transformational U.S. Air Force operational capabilities.

APEX is a Partnership Intermediary Agreement between the Department of the Air Force and [Parallax Advanced Research](#). The APEX mission supports the United States Air Force Science & Technology 2030 Strategy.

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