HOW DHS COLLABORATES WITH THE INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) Silicon Valley Innovation Program (SVIP) is keeping pace with the innovation community to tackle the hardest problems faced by DHS and the Homeland Security Enterprise. SVIP expands DHS S&T’s reach to find new technologies that strengthen national security with the goal of reshaping how government, entrepreneurs, and industry work together to find cutting-edge solutions. Based in California’s Silicon Valley, the program reaches out to innovation communities across the nation and around the world to harness the commercial R&D ecosystem for technologies with government applications and to co-invest in and accelerate technology transition-to-market.

PROGRAM SUMMARY

SVIP offers U.S. and international start-ups up to $800K in non-dilutive funding over 24 months to carry out prototype projects and possibly transition successful projects to production.

The projects are delivered across 3–4 tranches of funding at $50-$200K per phase; each phase lasting 3–6 months.

- Phase 1: Proof of Concept Demo
- Phase 2: Demo Pilot-Ready Prototype
- Phase 3: Functional and Red Team Testing
- Phase 4: Pilot/Test in an Operational Environment

WHY SHOULD START-UPS WORK WITH US?

- **Equity-Free**
  - Performance based contract, up to $800K in non-dilutive funding available.
- **Network**
  - Instant access to DHS public/private sector partnerships and a $481B market.
- **Mentorship**
  - Learn from the best. We have a deep bench of government and private sector partners who can offer guidance and make introductions.
- **Market Validation**
  - Prototype testing and pilot opportunities.
- **Amplify Your Reach**
  - Opportunity to demo your product to government, industry, and investors around the world.
- **Follow-on Funding**
  - Our portfolio companies have received follow-on funding by venture capital investors.

SVIP ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

17 Funded Topics
703 Phase 1 Applications
56 Startups Funded
128 Contract Awards
$24M+ Awarded Funding
11 Phase 4 Awards
4 Successful Transitions

CURRENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

We currently have two open topic calls to support the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG). Submission deadline for both calls is February 20, 2021 at 12pm PT/3pm ET.

**Language Translator:** The USCG requires a language translator that can rapidly and effectively communicate in real time with non-English speakers and those who are unable to communicate verbally with the ability to operate in connected and off-line capacities. [Click here to view solicitation.](#)

**Maritime Object Tracking Technology (MOTT):** The USCG seeks a more reliable system for clearly marking and accurately monitoring objects in the water for recovery. [Click here to view solicitation.](#)

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