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## ***SIXTY-THREE RECIPIENTS TO GET SBA INNOVATION, RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY AWARDS***

**WASHINGTON** – Sixty-three small business winners from 47 states and the District of Columbia today received the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) prestigious Tibbetts Award for their exemplary achievement in the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program.

The awards were given to the recipients at a luncheon during the Fifth Annual Tibbetts Award ceremony in Washington, DC.

The award is named for Roland Tibbetts, founder of SBA's SBIR program, in recognition of small businesses' superior achievements in innovation, research and technology. This year's award recipients and SBIR program participants worldwide have made significant contributions varying from developing devices to improve the health of kidney failure patients to manufacturing equipment that sorts, cleans and upgrades small agricultural crops, such as grain, corn, beans, and seeds.

**“The SBA recognizes the important role that these businesses continue to play in these times of unprecedented economic growth, technological innovation and job creation,”** Administrator Aida Alvarez said. **“The SBIR program is an instrumental tool for helping small businesses remain on the cutting edge of every major technological development.”**

Among those receiving today's award was Mr. Cornelis J. Drost of Transonic Systems, Inc. of Ithaca, NY, a business dedicated to engineering, manufacturing and marketing innovative blood flow measurement devices in medical research and patient monitoring. SBIR funding allowed the company to develop, validate and gain clinical acceptance for a new device to diagnose surgically created connections between arteries and veins in kidney failure patients undergoing dialysis. This device reduces the patient's hardship during surgery, reduces medical costs, and helps the clinics manage their patients in a more informed manner.

Arthur Zaltzman of Camas International, Inc. of Pocatello, ID received a Tibbetts award for manufacturing equipment that sorts, cleans, removes toxins from crops and upgrades them for human consumption. With the help of SBIR grants, Zaltzman was able to develop a process to eliminate toxins that debilitate workers and reduce average life span in underdeveloped countries by as much as 40 percent.

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Another recipient honored during today's celebration was Robert H. Harris of Harris FRC Corporation, of Holmdel, NJ. With the support of the SBIR program, Harris introduced a unique anti-epileptic drug to eliminate or reduce the number of seizures in patients whose seizures could not be controlled with currently available medications. The drug, which displays tremendous promise as a treatment for epilepsy, will offer patients a better quality of life, fewer hospitalizations and a broader range of daily and social activities.

The nomination selection process for a Tibbetts Award focuses primarily on the

- economic impact of technological innovations;
- business achievement and effective collaborations, and;
- proven, effective State and regional impact and support.

The SBIR program accounts for more than \$1 billion per year in federal research and development funds. The SBA coordinates this initiative with 10 other federal agencies. Details on the program and the award are available on the SBA's home page at <http://www.sba.gov/sbir>.

**(List of 2000 Tibbetts Award winners attached)**

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*Additional information about SBA's programs and services is available at SBA's Web site: <http://www.sba.gov> or by calling the SBA's Answer Desk at 1-800 U ASK SBA.*

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**TIBBETTS AWARD WINNERS  
FOR THE YEAR 2000**

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Boulder, CO 80301**

**ARKANSAS**

**Dr. David Nelms  
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Fayetteville, AR 72701**

**CONNECTICUT**

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East Hartford, CT 06108**

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Scottsdale, AZ 85251-3540**

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Albuquerque, NM 87109

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