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Robert “Bob” Berger, PhD, is uniquely qualified to advise companies on how to prepare winning SBIR/STTR proposals. From 1995 until 2003, Dr. Berger was one of only ten SBIR Program Managers in the Federal government and only one of five STTR Program Managers. In this capacity, he was responsible for designing and running the annual SBIR and STTR competitions at the Department of Energy, with final responsibility for the selection of all awards in these programs.

Dr. Berger's experience with the STTR programs goes back even further. For ten years he was the Director of the Technology and Innovation Division at the U.S. Small Business Administration, with government-wide oversight responsibilities for technical and commercialization aspects of SBIR and STTR programs. Dr. Berger's ability to lead workshops is further evidenced by his having taught Master's degree level courses to adult students in Technology Management (1987-1994) as an Adjunct Associate Professor at the University of Maryland. In addition, Dr. Berger has experience with research processes and proposal preparation, having conducted engineering research and technology assessment at the National Institute for Standards and Technology and the Office of Naval Research. Dr. Berger received a PhD in Mechanics and Materials Sciences from Johns Hopkins University and was a Post-doctoral Research Associate of the National Research Council.