

# Review of the SBIR and STTR Programs at DOD

Meeting of the Committee (May 9, 2024)

## Biographies of Guest Speaker

### DAVID METZGER

David Metzger is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin—Madison Law School. He is a former Administrative Assistant to a U.S. Representative. As Staff Director and Chief Counsel of a Small Business Committee Subcommittee, he assisted in drafting early versions of the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Act. Some of the language he contributed still exists in the Act. He assisted in the Act's passage while serving at the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) as SBA's Director of Procurement and Innovation Policy. In 1982, he entered law practice. He assisted SBA in drafting its initial SBIR Policy Directive, and some of his language survives. He specialized in federal contracting and assisting SBIR firms. He taught 15 different courses in federal contracts. He is a former president of the Boards of Contracts Bar Association (BCABA), and received the Ronald J. Keinlen Award, that Association's most prestigious award. He is a recipient of SBA's Roland Tibbett's Award for outstanding contributions to the SBIR program, and a Certificate of Appreciation from the U.S. Navy for SBIR contributions. He has given over 275 lectures on SBIR across the country. Metzger retired from law practice on January 1, 2016. He is listed with Marquis Who's Who, and the recipient of the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award, one of 15 chosen from 1.5 million biographies to receive honorable mention for the Award in the Wall Street Journal. He has written eight books: one on Federal GSA leasing, one concerning SBIR, and how to improve the program, and six young readers' historical fiction books.