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# 15 U.S. Code § 657e

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## Mentoring Networks

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### **(a) Findings**

Congress finds that—

- (1) the SBIR and STTR programs create jobs, increase capacity for technological innovation, and boost international competitiveness;
- (2) increasing the quantity of applications from all States to the SBIR and STTR programs would enhance competition for such awards and the quality of the completed projects; and
- (3) mentoring is a natural complement to the FAST program of reaching out to new companies regarding the SBIR and STTR programs as an effective and low-cost way to improve the likelihood that such companies will succeed in such programs in developing and commercializing their research.

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