



SSTi invites you to share your story

In local communities and through regional partnerships and statewide efforts across the nation, policymakers and practitioners have developed effective approaches to grow and diversify their economies through science, technology and innovation.

The *Excellence in TBED* awards are designed to celebrate these outstanding achievements through the presentation of awards in six categories that focus on several elements that are found in thriving technology-based economies.

Why Apply?

National exposure and bragging rights, of course!

Plus:

- As a recipient of the *Excellence in TBED* award, your initiative represents a **standard of excellence** that has been recognized by your peers through a competitive selection process.
- **External validation** through an *Excellence in TBED* award certifies the superior quality of your initiative, lending independent credentials to your program as your stakeholders consider future investments.
- The *Excellence in TBED* award identifies your initiative as a best practice worthy of emulation and can be used as a **promotional tool** in marketing, recruitment and outreach efforts.

Award Categories

Expanding the Research Capacity

Commercializing Research

Building Entrepreneurial Capacity

Increasing Access to Capital

Improving Competitiveness of Existing Industries

Most Promising TBED Initiative

Important Deadlines

June 1, 2015
Call for applications

July 15, 2015
Deadline for applications

October 27, 2015
Winners recognized

Winners will be recognized at SSTi's Annual Conference, October 26-28, 2015, in Oklahoma City. Recipients are invited to attend the conference as guests of SSTi (a \$675 value).

The award application is available at: sstiawards.org. **Applications are due July 15, 2015.**

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