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**Date: June 14, 2018**

**Time: 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

**Place: The University of Scranton,  
Brennan Hall, 5th floor, Room 500  
320 Madison Avenue  
Scranton, Pennsylvania 18510**

**This free workshop, and the follow-up coaching, is funded by USDA through the SBIR Outreach and Technical Training Assistance Program**

**Pre-registration encouraged by June 11<sup>th</sup>  
— space is limited!**

**Register online at  
<https://extension.psu.edu/exploring-usda-small-business-innovative-research> or  
call Penn State Extension 877-345-0691.  
For additional information contact  
Winifred McGee, Extension Educator at  
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**Date: June 20, 2018**

**Time: 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

**Place: SCORE Lancaster-Lebanon  
313 West Liberty Street, Room 112  
Lancaster, PA 17603**

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**Date: June 19, 2018**

**Time: 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

**Place: Southern Alleghenies Planning & Development Commission  
3 Sheraton Drive  
Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601**

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