



**April 29, 2010 - San Diego Inventors Forum welcomed Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the U.S Patent and Trademark Office, Mr. David Kappos at Sheppard Mullin's office in Del Mar to discuss pending patent reform topics.**

*SDIF member/ inventor Margaret Bogdanska with Mr. Kappos at last week's very informative meeting.*



Last meeting...



**Adrian Pelkus, (on right) congratulating Peter McConnell the 1st place winner of the 2010 SDIF Spring Inventors Contest.**

Peter won \$600 for his *WasteBAGsket* plastic bag holder. Second Place went to Dan Sandson for his *Sandsonic Micro-Kit* drum set. Third Place went to Edna Palmers - *Tremor Table* adjustable eating tray. Thanks to all that entered! - Adrian

**Next meeting - May 13th**  
Entrepreneurship & Networking 101 for inventors!

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**DoD opens latest SBIR pre-solicitation review April 21**

The purpose of DoD's Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs is to harness the innovative talents of our nation's small technology companies for U.S. military and economic strength.

The SBIR program funds early-stage research and development (R&D) at small technology companies. To participate in the SBIR program a firm must be a U.S. for-profit small business of 500 or fewer employees..

Interested companies may review the many technology research topics to determine if they can support the research, development and manufacturing needs of the various DoD agencies.

Companies may submit their applications between **May 19 and June 23.**

<http://www.acq.osd.mil/osbp/sbir/solicitations/sbir102/index.htm>

**Inventors Pavilion at Response Expo: May 11-13 at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront**

Do you have the next infomercial product? Learn how you can put your product on TV at Inventor's Pavilion at Response Expo 2010. Meet the marketing companies behind the infamous Snuggie, the PedEgg, the Magic Bullet...

**Contact UIA-certified professional member Jenny Lawlor [jenlawlor@comcast.net](mailto:jenlawlor@comcast.net) or call her at 412-400-0703 TODAY!!!**

**Greg Lauren may have reserved booths left for SDIF members (thanks Greg!) Ask for San Diego Inventors SPECIAL.**

**You are invited to enter the 2010 NASA "Create the Future" Design Contest**

Sponsored by COMSOL, PTC, and Tech Briefs Media Group. The eighth annual contest will recognize outstanding innovations in product design, awarding a Grand Prize of \$20,000 USD. Visit [www.createthefuture2010.com](http://www.createthefuture2010.com)

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All entries must be received by **June 30, 2010.**

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**INVENTOR'S MENTOR:**

Last month USPTO Director David Kappos made engaging presentations to inventors at the San Diego Inventors Forum and attorneys at the San Diego Intellectual Property Law Association. For a synopsis of what he said go to the May newsletter "[The Inventor's Mentor](#)". For archived copies and more information for inventors go to [Patents and Ventures](#).

Each month we focus on a topic relevant to inventors and share knowledge and experience. We network inventors and builders, artists, designers and engineers, legal, business and marketing service providers to discuss all aspects of product development. Success breeds success! Invite your friends. To pre register for the next meeting contact Scott Sykora @ [scott.sykora@gmail.com](mailto:scott.sykora@gmail.com)

**Adrian Pelkus, 2010 SDIF President**

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