



Upcoming Events:

2010 Group Meetings:

June 10th

Planning 2010 - How to go from idea to presentation ready

July 8th

Licensing 101 for Inventors

August 12th

Getting started - Harnessing Creativity.

Last month

SDIF thanks our Steering Committee member **Michele Nash-Hoff** for running last month's meeting. Michele has been helping companies select the right manufacturing process for 25 years. President of ElectroFab Sales and author of "Can American Manufacturing Be Saved"
www.savingusmanufacturing.com

Thanks from all of us to both:
Ed Balian, PhD - for speaking about Entrepreneurship
Judy Balian - for speaking about Networking
<http://www.excoveries.com>

This month – Planning ahead

We take a look back at last year and get organized for next year. Topics for the year will be discussed and selected. Come and help us plan for a great 2010 SDIF lineup!



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Scott Sykora is webmaster.
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Other Useful Links

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- <http://www.venturechoice.com/glossary>
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This is the last day to register for the Ignite Exports Conference and Mixer.

Set your international sales and marketing on fire! Ignite your Network, June 10th, at Estancia La Jolla.

Seats are limited for this incredible opportunity to learn how to increase your profits through sales and marketing, so don't miss out! [Register now](#) to receive complimentary admittance for a guest to the conference.

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>

Do you have any ideas for a qualified "inventor of the week" that you would recommend for the UIA Newsletter? To submit, simply reply to me and provide a photo of the nominated inventor, name, city, state, & 50-word quote. - *Adrian*

Audi is challenging innovators to share their vision of a better world, through design and technology in a challenge that will award the winner a \$15,000 grant. Video submission entries are being accepted until **June 9.** Please visit www.tonystarkinnovationchallenge.com

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

* Consumer Products* Machinery and Equipment* Medical* Safety and Security* Sustainable Technologies* Transportation

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

CONNECT Springboard

Springboard offers free guidance and development to life sciences, clean-tech, high tech and consumer product companies in all stages of development, ranging from concept, technology transfer to start-up. **Contact:** Ruprecht von Buttlar Springboard Director

Email: rvonbuttlar@connect.org **Phone:** (858) 964-1309 **Web:** <http://www.connect.org/springboard>

INVENTOR'S MENTOR: To patent or not to patent. That is the question. For an answer go to the June newsletter "[The Inventor's Mentor](#)" by George Levy. 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

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