



# Membership Benefits

## Active Membership Benefits



### *Your Knowledge Source ~ Your Connection.*

According to our current members, the top benefits of membership include:

- **Complimentary subscriptions to the *SSTI Weekly Digest & Funding Supplement***  
Our publications provide relevant and timely information on critical issues affecting the TBED community. The SSTI Funding Supplement included more than 1,400 funding opportunities.
- **The information & networking opportunities of SSTI's Annual conference**  
SSTI conferences promise high-quality sessions, exposure to the best state and regional approaches in tech-based communities and the opportunity to engage in open, creative dialogue.
- **The TBED resource center, SSTI's website and brief inquiries to SSTI staff**  
Our commitment to researching new trends and policies keeps you current and connected.

### Your Knowledge Source

#### **SSTI Staff & Board**

SSTI serves as the technology-based economic development (TBED) community's go-to resource and strategic partner when dealing with TBED issues. SSTI's unique ability to address the information needs of its members comes from the fact that SSTI's staff and board have been "in the trenches" of TBED. SSTI's President, Vice President and board members, including former Governors Engler of Michigan and Dukakis of Massachusetts, have more than 20 years of direct policy development and service delivery experience.

#### **SSTI Weekly Digest**

Delivered each week by e-mail, SSTI's free electronic newsletter provides readers with relevant and timely information on critical issues affecting the technology-based economic development community. The Digest also features in-depth policy analysis of current research studies and reports spanning a wide range of TBED topics.

#### **SSTI Funding Supplement**

Our members also receive the SSTI Funding Supplement. This members-only electronic publication provides readers with application information, eligibility criteria and submission deadlines for hundreds of funding opportunities offered by the federal government and others. Members can redistribute the Funding Supplement to their constituents.

### Your Connection

#### **SSTI's Network**

Membership in SSTI allows you access to the most extensive network of current and past practitioners, academics and policymakers who are attempting to speed commercialization and encourage innovation. Joining SSTI places your organization with today's TBED leaders. SSTI connects you to active members in 46 states, Puerto Rico and Canada.

#### **SSTI's Annual Conference**

The premier professional development event of the year, SSTI's annual conference provides the opportunity to meet more than 300 of the nation's greatest thinkers and practitioners for building tech-based economies.

#### **Excellence in TBED Awards**

Designed to celebrate exceptional achievement in tech-based economic development, the Excellence in TBED Awards recognize initiatives for demonstrable results in approaches used to foster an innovative climate. During the annual conference, SSTI presents awards across six categories to recipients that represent best practices selected by a committee of accomplished TBED practitioners and policymakers serving as judges.

**The quickest way to join or renew your membership is to complete the secure online registration at <https://www.ssti.org/membership.htm>.**

*Together, we're growing a strong and vibrant tech-based economic development community.*



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## Active Membership Benefits *continued*

### SSTI

SSTI is a national nonprofit organization that leads, supports and strengthens efforts to improve state and regional economies through science, technology and innovation.

As the most comprehensive resource available for those involved in technology-based economic development (TBED), SSTI offers the services that are needed to help build tech-based economies.

SSTI draws its membership from national, state, local, and regional science and technology programs supporting TBED, and universities. Represented are:

- State science and technology programs
- Local and regional TBED programs
- Universities and research parks
- Trade associations and tech councils
- Incubators, national laboratories and manufacturing extension centers
- Consultants, law, venture capital, and other business service firms
- And other TBED groups providing services to companies

### Membership, Dues & Eligibility

SSTI membership is organization-based. Benefits are extended on an annual rolling cycle. University membership benefits are provided to a specific office, department or college.

**State Sponsor (\$5,000)** — open to state science and technology programs with annual budgets in excess of \$1 million.

**State Sponsor (\$2,000)** — open to state science and technology programs with annual budgets below \$1 million.

**Affiliate (\$750)** — open to local and regional tech-based economic development programs, universities, trade associations, tech councils, incubators, manufacturing extension centers, research parks, and other tech-based economic development groups providing services to companies.

**Supporter (\$750)** — open to for-profit and consulting organizations, individuals and all other groups interested in tech-based economic development.

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## Basic Benefits

### Funding Information

12 subscriptions to the SSTI Funding Supplement for your staff. This members-only electronic publication provides readers with application information, eligibility criteria and submission deadlines for hundreds of funding opportunities offered by the federal government and others.

### SSTI Weekly Digest

SSTI's weekly electronic newsletter provides readers with valuable, timely information on critical issues affecting the tech-based economic development community.

### Conference Invitation

Discounted registration fee for staff members for SSTI's annual conference — a savings of \$100 per registrant.

### Awards Program

Special member pricing on SSTI's Excellence in TBED award applications.

### Free Position Postings

Free unlimited posting of position vacancies within your organization in the *SSTI Weekly Digest* and on our website.

### Recent Research

One complimentary copy of SSTI publications released during the year; additional copies of SSTI publications available at discounted price.

### Public Profile

Acknowledgment of membership status on the SSTI website.



For more information, visit [www.ssti.org/benefits.htm](http://www.ssti.org/benefits.htm) or contact Noelle Sheets, Director of Membership Services at [sheets@ssti.org](mailto:sheets@ssti.org) or 614.901.1690.