



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

JENNIFER DONALDSON

Ms. Jennifer Donaldson manages the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center (AFNWC) involvement in the Air Force Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs. She works with directorates across AFNWC to develop topic areas that address center needs and guides topic owners on managing contracts. She also coordinates with external organizations to leverage partnership opportunities in various domains and advises leadership on key aspects of the SBIR/STTR program including leading the first AFNWC STRATFI proposal package selected for funding.



Before joining government service, Ms. Jennifer Donaldson served as a support contractor at Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL), Directed Energy (RD) and Space Vehicles (RV) Directorates Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Office at Kirtland Air Force Base in 2000. During that time, the AFRL/RV SBIR office was selected for the Mission Support Award for the successful rollout and management of the new electronic proposal submission with the goal of automated contract production. Ms. Donaldson developed procedures and desk instructions to expedite and enhance the SBIR office automation process. The AFRL New Mexico SBIR office was selected to beta test, analyze and optimize the efficacy of the revised SBIR and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) database. Because of the success of the initiative, the AFRL New Mexico SBIR program office was assigned the responsibility to ensure the efficient distribution of the available/anticipated funding and manage the program/projects and corrective action responsibilities. The funding allocation was optimized to exceed the goals for obligations and expenditures established by the Office of the Secretary of Defense. She was selected by the AFRL New Mexico SBIR office and was instrumental in developing, managing and executing the Missile Defense Agency SBIR and STTR program in 2003. The program was comprised of nine AFRL technical directorates along with the Air Force Office of Scientific Research. Ms. Donaldson's team was nominated and selected for the Air Force Research Laboratory, Space Vehicles Directorate, Mission Support Excellence award. Among her accomplishments, was the planning and orchestration of the first "Industry Days" for the Airborne Laser Program with Boeing, Northrop Grumman and Lockheed Martin along with several SBIR companies. Ms. Donaldson went on to expand her skills and collaborative attitude toward Technology Transfer, University Outreach and the Small Business Program.

Ms. Donaldson then worked as a support contractor for Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center (AFNWC), bringing her 18 years of experience in research and development (R&D) program and management support, SBIR program coordination, and industry partnership development to help establish the AFNWC SBIR program in the Chief Scientist office.

CAREER CHRONOLOGY

Sep 2021-Present, Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico

Aug 2019-Sep 2021, Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico

Sep 1999-Jan 2016, Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL), Kirtland AFB, New Mexico

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

AFMC Small Business Innovation Award as part of the AFNWC SBIR Team FY22

Department of the Air Force, Small Business Programs Award as part of the AFNWC SBIR Team

Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center, 2022 CAT II Civilian of the Year Award

Air Force Research Laboratory, Space Vehicles Directorate, Mission Support Excellence award
Department of Air Force, SB

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2021 Education Chair on the board of Professional Aerospace Contractors Associations (PACA)

(Current as of July 2023)