



## NEWSLETTER

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Boosting West Virginia's Technology Economy

### *Touchstone Wins NASA SBIR Contract--Again!*

Congratulations to [Touchstone Research Laboratory, Ltd.](#), for once again winning a [NASA Small Business Innovation Research](#) (SBIR) award!

Touchstone's winning proposal, "Aluminum-Lithium Alloy 2050 for Reduced-Weight, Increased-Stiffness SpaceStructures," is yet another example of the firm's innovative research in aluminum alloys used in the aerospace, defense, automotive and other industries.

TechConnectWV Chair Russ Lorince said, "I salute Elizabeth Kraftician and her outstanding team at Touchstone for their continuing success. The story of Touchstone is inspiring to entrepreneurs throughout West Virginia, and helps to foster growth in the innovation-based economy."

The SBIR program helps facilitate innovative research and technology development among America's most creative small businesses. Proposals selected for funding address specific technology gaps in NASA missions that will complement other agency research.

Since its beginning in the basement of a Wheeling monastery in 1980, Touchstone has won dozens of SBIR grants and other R&D awards, and has been recognized nationally for its breakthrough research by the Small Business Administration, the Southern Growth Policies Board, NASA, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and other organizations.



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