

Sponsor/Title: U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) - Supply Chain Acceleration and Logistics Enablement (SCALE) Program

External Link: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/363089>

Funding Opportunity Number: SB-OIIGA-26-001

Submission Limitation per Institution: One (1)

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Internal Application Deadline: 2026-07-23

Sponsor Application Deadline: 2026-08-07

Purpose and Goals: The Supply Chain Acceleration and Logistics Enablement (SCALE) Program supports organizations that help small businesses overcome operational, technical, workforce, and market access barriers that limit their ability to participate and grow as suppliers within strategically important industries.

Through technical assistance, industry engagement, and other implementation focused activities, SCALE helps small businesses address identified supply chain constraints, strengthen supplier readiness, improve production capability, and expand participation in strategically important supply chains.

Through this program, SBA seeks to:

- Accelerate Small Business Supplier Development: Improve the readiness, production capability, market access, and growth of small businesses participating in strategically important supply chains.
- Address Supply Chain Constraints: Support efforts that address demonstrated supply chain bottlenecks, vulnerabilities, supplier gaps, and barriers to supplier participation and growth.
- Expand Small Business Participation: Expand participation of small businesses within strategically important supply chains.
- Deliver Measurable Results: Generate measurable improvements in small business supplier readiness, supply chain participation, and small business growth.
- Improve Industrial Coordination: Strengthen coordination among industry, workforce, technical assistance, and other partners supporting supplier growth and supply chain participation.

SCALE Industry Supply Chain Priorities:

Applicants must focus on one of the strategically important industry supply chains below:

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Biotechnology and Biomanufacturing Supply Chains
- Defense Industrial Base Technologies and Components
- Energy, Critical Materials, and Industrial Inputs
- Food Supply and Agricultural Systems
- Transportation, Logistics, and Industrial Infrastructure

Eligible activities may support a range of supply chain challenges and are not limited to any specific technology, product, or production process.

Internal Application Requirements: Upload the following information to the Google Form at <https://forms.gle/hNitqQNXbczaxtva8> by the internal deadline:

- Name of the Principal Investigator (PI)
- Project Title

- Provide the SCALE Industry Supply Chain Priorities that apply to your proposal.
- All ND Collaborators:
 - For each ND Collaborator listed, include name, department or unit, and specific role for this project in three sentences (maximum).
- Project Summary: Three (3) pages (maximum) addressing the evaluation 5.2 Evaluation Criteria on pages 13-14 in the NOFO.
 - Supply Chain Challenge (s) and Opportunity
 - Small Business Support Programming

Questions: Contact Notre Dame Research Limited Submissions at limited@nd.edu.

Unless otherwise noted, all internal applications are due by 11:59 PM Eastern Time.

Internal applications submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.