



## Academe/Lab Partner Is Key in Army STTR

- University faculty may influence the process of generating topics, especially at the Army Research Office (ARO), whose traditional mission is to support extramural basic research. Visit [www.aro.army.mil](http://www.aro.army.mil).
- Scientific content is of high importance in the review of both topics and proposals. Nominees are most regularly gunned down by a “Where’s the science?” reaction.

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## There's Not Much Stability in Army STTR

- ARO's present partners include ERDC (engineers), MRMC (medics), ECBC (chem-bio defense), and ARI (social sciences). But each year both topic descriptions and submitted proposals must compete for positions in a single order-of-merit list: no reserved shares.
- Prospects for moving up to a phase II contract depend heavily on how many phase I contracts we decided to install last year. FY05-FY06: 75%. FY06-FY07: 38%.

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