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Michael Weingarten is the Director for the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Development Center at the National Cancer Institute. In this role, Mr. Weingarten leads a team of 9 Program Directors who manage all aspects of the NCI SBIR & STTR Programs including a portfolio of over \$110M in grants and contracts annually. The SBIR & STTR programs are NCI's engine of innovation for developing and commercializing novel technologies and products to prevent, diagnose, and treat cancer.

Under Mr. Weingarten's leadership and direction, the NCI SBIR Development Center has launched a range of new programs to facilitate the success of small businesses in the cancer space, including the SBIR Phase II Bridge Award, which more than triples the amount of funding available to applicants through the NCI SBIR Program. NCI SBIR has also launched an annual investor forum where potential investors can get a first look at some of the most promising NCI SBIR companies that are developing the next generation of cancer therapeutic, diagnostic, or imaging technologies.

Prior to joining the NIH, Mr. Weingarten was the manager of partnership development activities for NASA's Technology Transfer program, which included the SBIR program. Mr. Weingarten has a bachelor's degree in political science from Northwestern University, Chicago, Ill., and a master's degree in political science from Columbia University in New York City.