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RSL's Gladis Appointed to National Science Foundation Panel

*Panel to Evaluate Phase II Proposals of Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)
Phase I Grantees*

East Hartford, CT (March 17, 2011) – The [National Science Foundation](#) has selected RSL Fiber Systems, LLC's Director of Marketing [Peter P. Gladis](#) to serve on a select panel of technology industry and organizational leaders that will evaluate the promise of cutting-edge research and development work proposed by small, innovative companies across the country.



The panel will perform its work on behalf of the federally funded [Small Business Innovation Research \(SBIR\)](#) program. The program, coordinated by the Small Business Administration, provides federal grants to small companies engaging in cutting-edge, high-risk and high-quality science or engineering research with great upside potential.

The panel will evaluate the work of six SBIR Phase I grantees in the areas of educational software and hardware technology, and award additional Phase II funding to the most deserving proposals. The panel convenes Monday, March 28, at NSF's headquarters in Arlington, VA.

Having served on a Phase I panel last year, Gladis (*click [here](#) to download photo*) understands the critical importance of the SBIR program in funding vital research and development work. "It is an honor and privilege to be asked to serve again - I look forward to the challenge" said Gladis.

Gladis has more than 30 years of industrial and high-tech marketing experience. He spent 25 years with GE managing the marketing and sales of a wide variety of products and equipment. Gladis has also worked as a marketing leader for technology companies including Universal Voltronics, SpecTran Fiber Optics and Ultra Electronics-DNE Technologies. He holds a degree in electrical engineering from Villanova University.

A division of Skyler Technologies Group, [RSL Fiber Systems](#) provides advanced lighting solutions and integrated illumination systems for U.S. Navy ships including the LPD 17 class, the experimental craft "Sea Fighter," and the Navy's newest stealth destroyer, the [DDG 1000](#), which is currently under construction. The company is also developing illumination systems and solutions for such diverse applications as mining, refineries, offshore oil exploration, first responders/homeland security, and renewable energy.