

Ever wish you had a Rocket Scientist to help with your business?

If your business is facing a technical challenge, the Space Alliance Technology Outreach Program, (SATOP), wants to help. SATOP offers up to 40 hours of FREE engineering assistance for qualified requests, utilizing the vast expertise of NASA and our participating Space Alliance Partners.

Who can apply?

This program is available to any US-based small business (under 500 employees), manufacturer, non-profit group, or entrepreneur. SATOP is funded by a grant from NASA. Our mission is to help spur economic growth.

How does it work?

Submit a Request for Technical Assistance (RTA) form to SATOP. A SATOP Project Engineer will contact you to discuss your request, and will work to match your RTA with an Alliance Partner who has the necessary engineering expertise. If an Alliance Partner accepts the RTA, they will provide up to 40 hours of free assistance by phone, fax, or e-mail. (Alliance Partners do not travel to your site.) Most RTA's will be resolved within 90 days.

What kind of requests can SATOP accept?

Requests should be clearly defined and well-focused on a specific project within one of the following engineering disciplines:

- Mechanical
- Electrical
- Electronics
- Manufacturing
- Chemical
- Materials
- Environmental
- Industrial
- Structural

(SATOP cannot provide software, internet, or information technology solutions). The project must appear solvable within 40 hours. Please be prepared to provide drawings, prototypes, or samples as needed, and available to communicate with the Alliance Partner.

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