

Success Stories



"Everything changed once SATOP helped me solve the problem I was having with the metal detector,"
"This is a lifelong dream come true."

Juan Pacheco, FlatwareSaver

"SATOP has helped us grow our business and, more importantly, contributed to making football safer for players at all levels from Pop Warner to the pros. Thank you, SATOP."

Paul Schiebl, SportStar Chinstrap

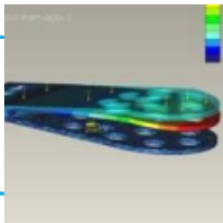


"SATOP played a vital role in providing us with the necessary resources to bring our prototype to fruition. The SATOP team was professional and ensured that all the requirements were met and on target."

Gwendolyn Allen, Escalating StepLadder

"SATOP did a great job by offering assistance through Dr. Tang, an expert specialized to address the niche technical challenges that we faced."

Kevin Selva, Footwear Insert



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Technical Assistance for Small Businesses in Texas



What is SATOP?

The Space Alliance Technology Outreach Program (SATOP) is a **State of Texas-funded program**, administered by the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership (BAHEP). SATOP provides **FREE** technical assistance to small businesses and entrepreneurs located in Texas. This assistance in turn helps create jobs, new products for the market, and stimulates the economy.

Who Can Apply?

SATOP is available to any Texas entrepreneur, small business or manufacturer (under 500 employees).

What Kind Of Requests Can SATOP Accept?

Requests should be clearly defined and focused on a specific technical issue within one project including, but not limited to, one of the following engineering disciplines:

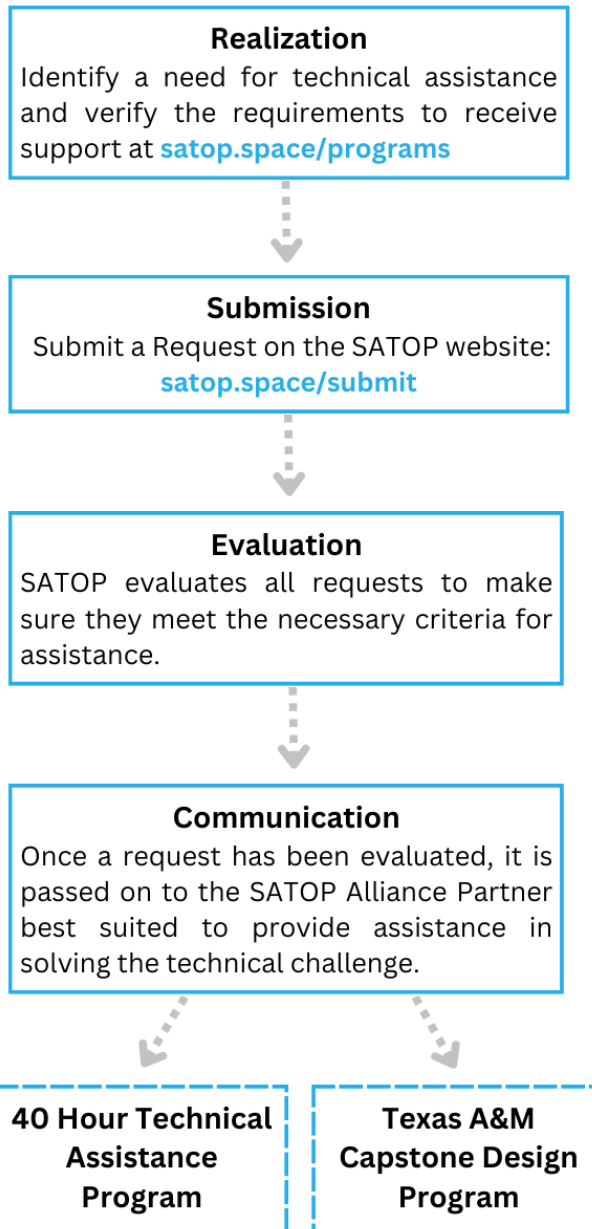
- Mechanical
- Electronics
- Electrical
- Manufacturing
- Materials
- Chemical
- Environmental
- Structural
- Industrial

- Please be prepared to provide drawings, prototypes, or samples as needed, and be available to communicate with an Alliance Partner engineer.

- SATOP **cannot** provide IT (Information Technology) solutions.

From **1999 to present**, SATOP has assisted more than **1,100** businesses in Texas and has generated an economic impact of **over \$200 million dollars**.

How Does SATOP Work?



SATOP Programs

40 Hour Technical Assistance Program

Eligible small businesses located in Texas can be provided with up to 40 hours of **FREE** technical assistance. Requests must have a distinct and identifiable engineering challenge that appears solvable in the 40-hour limit. To qualify, the small business must be a Texas business and have **one** of the following:

- Patent
- Provisional Patent
- Prototype
- Engineering Drawings

Texas A&M Capstone Design Program

SATOP has formed a collaboration with the Texas A&M University Engineering Capstone Design Program to work on projects that require **extensive technical assistance**.

In the program, teams composed of four to six senior engineering students, under the guidance of a faculty member, spend one to two semesters designing solutions and developing academic prototypes for entrepreneurs and small business owners.