

GLOBAL SOF: ***THE ASYMMETRIC STRATEGIC OPTION FOR A VOLATILE WORLD***

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INTRODUCTION TO USSOCOM & SOF AT&L

SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES ACQUISITION, TECHNOLOGY, & LOGISTICS



AGENDA



- Organization & Authorities
- Doing Business w/USSOCOM
- Technology & Capabilities

ORGANIZATION AND AUTHORITIES



U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND



HERITAGE



MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM "WILD BILL" DONOVAN

OPERATION EAGLE CLAW

“DESERT ONE”



APRIL 24, 1980

SOCOM – ESTABLISHED IN 1987

TITLE 10 U.S. CODE SECTIONS 164 AND 167



Section 164 - A Unified Combatant Command...

- Retain Title 10 U.S. Code Section 164(c) authorities
 - Organize, equip, employ forces
 - Assign subordinate command functions
 - Administrative support and disciplinary oversight
- Command of all U.S. based SOF
- Deploy SOF to support GCCs
- As directed, conduct operations globally
- Plan & execute pre-crisis activities



...with legislated Military Department-like authorities – Section 167

- Organize, train, equip SOF
- Program and budget for SOF
- Procure SOF-peculiar equipment
- Develop SOF strategy / doctrine / tactics
- Monitor management of SOF personnel
- Ensure interoperability
- Conduct internal audits

THE SOF TEAM

UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND



SOCSOUTH
Homestead AFB, FL



SOCCENT
MacDill AFB, FL



SOCNORTH
Peterson AFB, CO



SOCEUR
Stuttgart, Germany



SOCKOR
Camp Humphreys, Korea



SOCAFRICA
Stuttgart, Germany



SOCPAC
Camp Smith, Hawaii

SOCOM HQ: MacDill AFB, FL

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UNITED STATES ARMY
SPECIAL OPERATIONS
COMMAND (**USASOC**)



- Special Forces / Rangers
- Aviation
- MISO
- Civil Affairs
- *JFK Special Warfare Center*

NAVAL SPECIAL
WARFARE COMMAND
(**NSWC**)



- SEAL Teams
- Special Boat Teams
- SEAL Delivery Vehicle Teams
- Naval Special Warfare Center

AIR FORCE SPECIAL
OPERATIONS COMMAND
(**AFSOC**)



- Aviation - Fixed Wing & Tilt-Rotor
- Special Tactics
- Air Force Special Operations School

MARINE FORCES
SPECIAL OPERATIONS
COMMAND (**MARSOC**)



- Marine Raider Regiment
- Marine Raider Support Group
- Marine Raider Training Center

SPACE FORCE SPECIAL
OPERATIONS COMMAND
(**SPACEFORSOC**)



- Activation TBA

JOINT SPECIAL
OPERATIONS COMMAND
(**JSOC**)



- Prepares Assigned, Attached and Augmentation Forces
- When Directed, conducts Special Operations

SOCOM MISSION / PRIORITIES

USSOCOM develops and employs the world's finest SOF to conduct global special operations and activities as part of the Joint Force, in concert with the U.S. Government, interagency, allies and partners, to support persistent, networked, and distributed combatant command operations and campaigns against state and non-state actors all to protect and advance U.S. policies and objectives.

PEOPLE

- **PEOPLE** = center of gravity and #1 priority
- “Humans are more important than hardware”
- People are SOCOM's platform

WIN

- **PEOPLE** are the reason we win every time, every place, in any environment
- Strategic Competition, Crisis Response, CT
- The SOF way is unconventional, irregular, asymmetric, and asynchronous alongside the Joint Force, USG IC/IA, allies and partners

TRANSFORM

- **PEOPLE** - Trained for certainty...educated for uncertainty
- Tech - SOCOM trail-blazes and leads the DoD and the Nation (UxS, c-UxS, AI, autonomy)
- Organizations - Lean by design, optimizing, modernizing, innovating, & transforming

AUTHORITIES & RESPONSIBILITIES



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SOF AT&L LEADERSHIP



SOF AT&L



MISSION

Provide rapid & focused acquisition, technology, & logistics to Special Operations Forces.



VISION

Trusted Experts



PRINCIPLES

Deliver capability to user expeditiously; exploit proven techniques & methods; keep Warfighters involved throughout process; take risk & manage it!

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SOF UNIQUE LOGISTICS

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DESIGN ➤



MANUFACTURING ➤



INTEGRATION ➤



SUSTAINMENT ➤

Complete Lifecycle Sustainment Services

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SOF AT&L INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS

“STRENGTHEN ALLIANCES AND ATTRACT NEW PARTNERS”

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS (IC)

COOPERATIVE CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT

- Collective Knowledge of Partner Nations' Technology Base
- Synergistic Development with Equitable Sharing of R&D Costs
- 1 Multilateral SOF Capability Development (SOF CD) Agreement
- 2 Bilateral Special Forces Equipment Capability (SFEC) Agreements
- 5 Bilateral SOF CD Working Groups under RDT&E Project MOAs
- 4 Foreign Science and Technology Liaisons to SOF AT&L
- Leverage 6 Irregular Warfare Technical Support Directorate IC Agreements



Example: Shared Development of Diesel LTATVs (MRZR-D)

FOREIGN MILITARY SALES (FMS) & DIRECT COMMERCIAL SALES (DCS)

SPECIAL OPERATIONS - PECULIAR (SO-P) EQUIPMENT

- 18 FMS Cases
- 9 Countries
- Input: DCS Export Licenses



Fixed Wing SOF Mods



GMV 1.1



Maritime Mobility



Laser Markers and Sights



Rotary Wing SOF Mods



Air Drop Solutions



Tactical Comms



Night Vision

COALITION WARFARE PROGRAM (CWP)

Fosters Foreign Cooperative Development for Interoperability

- Competitive – 50/50 Share of US Cost
- Since 2010 – 7 SOF Projects...
- 5 Complete / 4 Transitioned or Fielded



FOREIGN COMPARATIVE TESTING (FCT)

Fosters Foreign Solutions to US Requirements

- Competitive – Avoids US Development Cost
- Since 1996: 105 SOF Projects
- 92 Complete/ 14 Ongoing, 60 Transitioned or Fielded



DEFENSE EXPORTABILITY (DE)

Coordinates and Executes Delivery of SO-P Equipment Under PD & USAI Authorities

- 27 Presidential Drawdowns
- USAI Pseudo-FMS Cases



International Operations Portfolio ~ \$9.315B



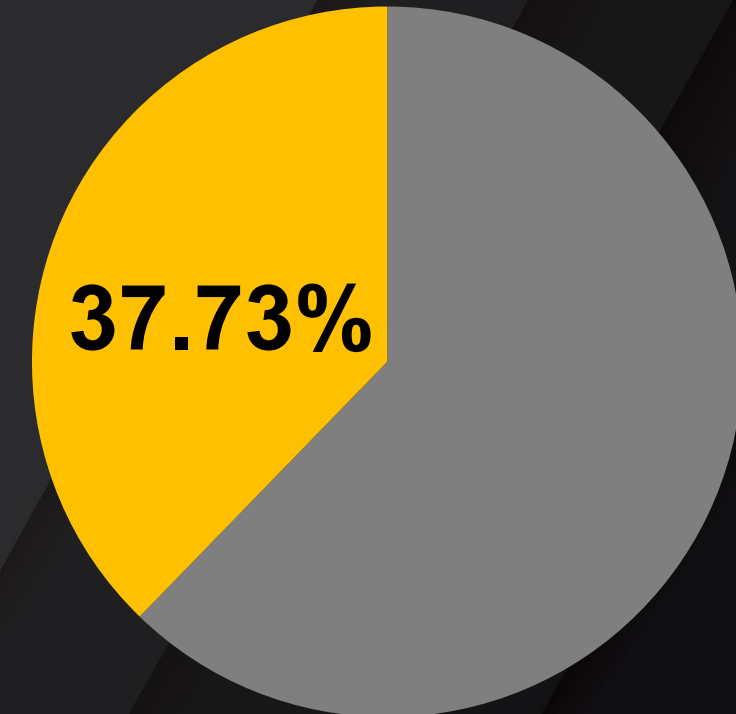
DOING BUSINESS *with USSOCOM*

SMALL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY - FY24

SMALL BUSINESS PRIME CONTRACTS



BUDGET AWARDED TO SMALL BUSINESS

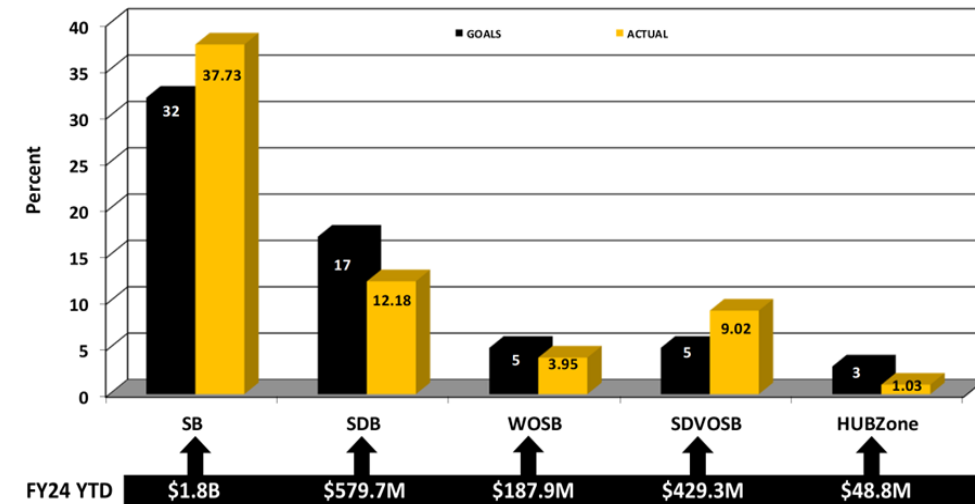


OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS

- Important Point of Entry for Small Businesses
- Office is charged with ensuring Small Businesses are afforded the maximum practical opportunity to support the command
- Regularly meet with Small & Large Businesses
 - In-person or virtual meetings
 - AE SB Forum bi-monthly
 - PEO Roundtable bi-monthly
 - E-mail or call any day
- What's important to us?
 - Capability, capability, capability
 - Proven track record of performance
 - Proper clearances

SMALL BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENTS FY24

(as of 16 October 2024)



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SBIR/STTR SOLICITATION SCHEDULE

Review Topics and propose at www.dodsbirsttr.mil

Current/Upcoming Broad Agency Announcement (BAA):

SBIR/STTR Number	Pre-Release	Open Date	Close Date
SBIR 25.4 R7	April 2, 2025	April 23, 2025	May 21, 2025
SBIR 25.4 R8	May 7, 2025	May 28, 2025	June 25, 2025
SBIR 25.4 R9	June 4, 2025	June 25, 2025	July 23, 2025
SBIR 25.4 R10	July 2, 2025	July 23, 2025	August 20, 2025
SBIR 25.4 R11	August 6, 2025	August 27, 2025	September 24, 2025
SBIR 25.4 R12	September 3, 2025	September 24, 2025	October 22, 2025



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TECHNICAL EXPERIMENTATION (TE) SCHEDULE

- **TE 25-3, 8-12 September 2025, North Carolina**
 - Focus: Human Machine Teaming
 - <https://sam.gov/opp/6ecbdf072572404195139a1e67cc0283/view>
(submissions due 26 May 25)
- **TE 26-1 (Tentative), January 2026, Florida**
 - Focus: Multi-Domain SOF Operations
- **TE 26-2 (Tentative), Date and Location TBD**
 - Focus: To be determined by end of CY25

Public Link: <https://www.socom.mil/SOF-ATL/Pages/technical-experimentation.aspx>



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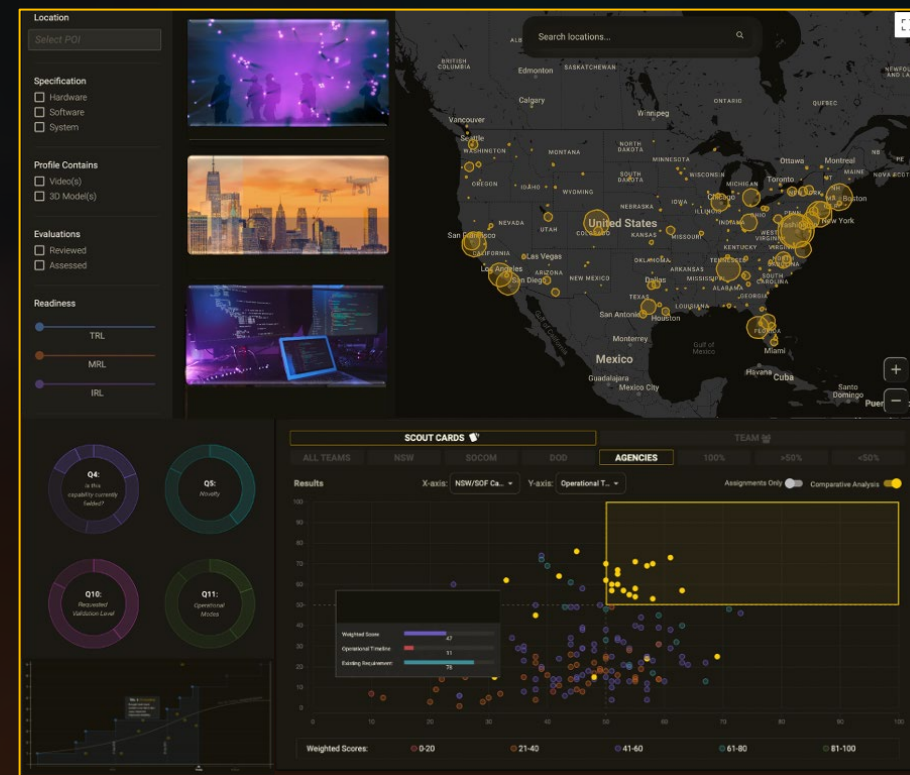
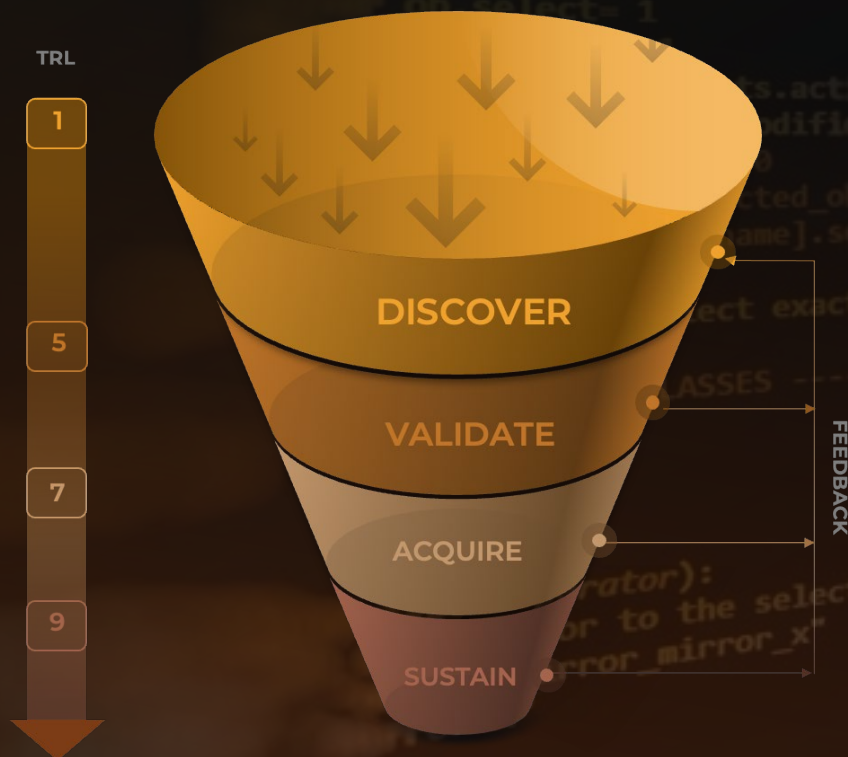


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ENGAGE SOF ON VULCAN

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- **CONNECTIVITY:** Provide transparent process that connects capabilities to USSOCOM priorities, PEO assessments, and engagement opportunities with SOF and Partner Agencies.
- **FEEDBACK:** Provide SOF feedback to all submitters of SOF-peculiar capabilities.
- **REFFERAL:** Help identify pathways to validation and potential transition mechanisms within USSOCOM – i.e., Experimentation, Prototyping, acquisition, etc.



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USSOCOM/SOFWERX

USSOCOM's Partnership Intermediary Agreement (PIA) operates as SOFWERX under 15 USC 3715

CAPABILITIES

- SOF Focused Ecosystem
- Collider/Disrupter Events
- Ideation Sessions & Collaboration
- Prize Challenges, Prototyping, Experimentation, Combat Evals
- Fast & Flexible Agent
- Commercial Non-FAR Sub-Awards
- Off-Base Access
- Honest Broker



VALUE

- Making New Tech & Capabilities Available
- Competitive Acquisition Process
- Pacing Commercial Tech Gains & Threats
- High Iterative Cycles, Low Cost
- Better Informed & Quality Decision Making
- Low Barriers to Entry for Industry
- Accelerate Entry Into Acquisition Cycles
- Building Relationships

Join the SOFWERX Ecosystem: www.sofwerx.org

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DOING BUSINESS WITH SOCOM

SMALL BUSINESS HELP

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SUBMITTING IDEAS AND CAPABILITIES

Engage SOF (eSOF) on Vulcan

Pathway to present SOF relevant capabilities to USSOCOM
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TECHNICAL EXPERIMENTATION

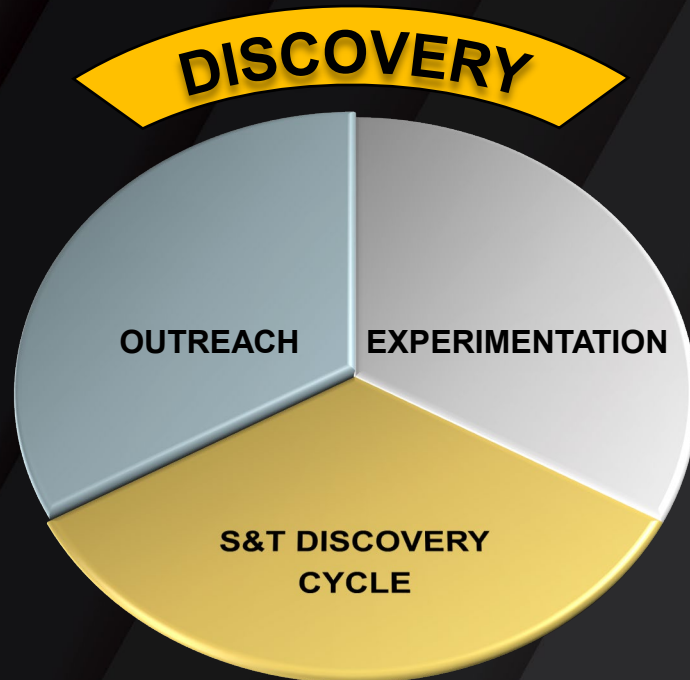
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TECHNOLOGY & CAPABILITIES

SOF AT&L S&T Enterprise



TRANSITION PARTNERS

USSOCOM/Service Programs of Record

Concept & Ideation Development

Commercial Products

CG: Commanding General
SPG: Strategic Programming Guidance
IPL: Integrated Priority List
NDS: National Defense Strategy



SOF AT&L PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW

GROUND

Ground Mobility Vehicle 1.1



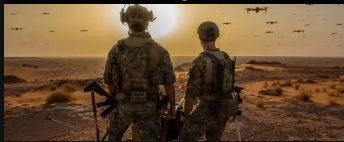
Counter Unmanned Systems



Lightweight Assault / Long-Range Weapons



Ground Organic Precision Strike System



Joint Light Tactical Vehicle SOF Modifications



AIR

MH-47 Chinook



CV-22 Osprey



Stand Off Precision Guided Munitions (SOPGM)



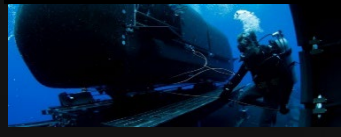
MC130J / AC-130J



Armed Overwatch



MARITIME

Dry Deck Shelter/
SEAL Delivery Vehicle

Combatant Craft Medium



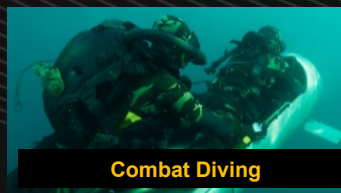
Maritime Precision Engagement



Dry Combat Submersible



Combat Diving



COMMUNICATIONS

Remote Advise & Assist
Virtual Accompany Kit

Next-Gen Tactical Comms



Space Based Capabilities



SOF Integration Facility



Airborne ISR Transport



Blue Force Tracker



MULTI-DOMAIN

INTEL SUPPORT

Multi-Mission Tactical
Unmanned Aerial Systems

Joint Threat Warning System



Biometrics



Small Unmanned Systems

Hostile Forces Tagging,
Tracking & LocatingTactical Exploitation of
National Capabilities

MISSION SOFTWARE

Mission Planning



Mission Command



Ops / Intel Fusion



Mission Autonomy



ENABLING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CAPABILITY AREAS

Warfighter Performance

Scalable Precision Effects

Battlespace Awareness

Multi-Domain Comms & Computing

Emplacement and Access

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