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USSOCOM Innovation Foundry (IF15) Event

16 - 19 April 2024

SOFWERX, in collaboration with USSOCOM's Directorate of Science and Technology (S&T) Futures and UK Strategic Command, hosted the fifteenth Innovation Foundry event (IF15) in London, England. As the second international event in the series, IF15 aimed to bring together military practitioners, industry, academia, national laboratories, and futurists to explore and ideate around future scenarios and missions. This phase of the innovation cycle was co-sponsored by the UK Ministry of Defence (MOD).

The theme of IF15, 'Smart Cities - Future Challenges for SOF', explored the challenges of physical and remote SOF operations in a range of future complex smart city scenarios.

Event Outcomes

- Out of 372 submissions, 60 Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) were downselected to participate in the event
- 51 additional Government representatives observed the IF15 out brief onsite and virtually
- SMEs worked in teams of likeminded talent to participate in design thinking to formulate concepts and solutions
- Teams briefed their concepts to Government representatives on the fourth day
- Insight gained from the event will be used to shape future efforts for USSOCOM

