2024 Collider Submission Evaluation Criteria:

This evaluation is considered competitive and is sufficient to meet the competition requirements of acquisition authority 10 U.S.C. § 4022 whether exercised singularly or in conjunction with separate non-competitive acquisition authorities such as 10 U.S.C. § 4021 or 10 U.S.C. § 4023. FAR contracts are one possible outcome of this event; however, additional solicitation and evaluation procedures will be necessary to establish a FAR contract. Moreover, submitters who do not meet the OTA eligibility requirements found in 10 U.S.C. § 4022 may be required to submit their solution formally via the USSOCOM Broad Agency Announcement found at SAM.gov.

Individual White Papers and Quad Charts will be evaluated without regard to other submissions received under this announcement. The Government intends to complete these evaluations and Company notifications within 30 calendar days of submission deadline.

Evaluation Criteria are as follows (in descending order of importance):

1. Technical merit of the proposed concept (i.e., the feasibility of the proposed solution).
2. Relevancy of the proposed concept/technology/solution to the TFA.
3. Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) for Cost and Schedule
4. The strength of the company and business viability of the proposed solution (The Government may use external market research to evaluate a company’s viability).

Companies whose White Papers and Quad Charts are favorably evaluated may receive an invitation to the Collider Event to pitch and/or demonstrate their proposed technology in person or via teleconference. It is the Government’s intent to publicly announce selectees from the Collider Event at SOF Week during the week of May 6-9, 2024. Submitters will be required to consent to public announcement of selection during SOF Week. Neither an invitation to the Collider Pitch Day nor being announced as a selectee is a promise of a contract, and contract terms will be negotiated after a successful pitch and public announcement of selection.

The respondent’s attention is directed to the fact that Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDCs) and Government Support Contractor (GSC) personnel will provide support during the review of nomination packets. The FFRDC and GSC personnel will have access to respondent nomination packets and will be utilized to objectively review a submission in a particular functional area and provide comments and recommendations to the Government’s decision makers. They will not establish final assessments of risk, rate, or rank of respondent nomination packets. All advisors have complied with Procurement Integrity Laws and have signed Non-Disclosure and Rules of Conduct/Conflict of Interest statements. The Government has taken into consideration requirements for avoiding conflicts of interest and ensure advisors comply with safeguarding source selection and proprietary data. Submission of nomination packets in response to the RFI constitutes approval to release the nomination packets to FFRDC and GSCs.

Respondents are required to identify demonstrations that are subject to export controls since foreign participants will attend the event. Participants may include foreign government, military and industry or U.S. industry foreign national personnel. Respondents are ultimately responsible for complying with Export Control regulations for concepts, equipment, systems, or technology associated with the US Munitions List (USML) or Commerce Control List (CCL). Visit the U.S. Department of State Directorate of Defense Trade Controls website (https://www.pmddtc.state.gov/ddtc_public) for more information on

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USML International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) and the U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Industry and Security website (https://www.bis.doc.gov) for more information on CCL Export Administration Regulations (EAR). If necessary, USSOCOM event organizers will restrict access to export-controlled technology demonstrations.

The Government may request additional information from the Company to evaluate White Papers and Quad Charts.