



# SOFWERX



## USSOCOM Innovation Foundry (IF16) Event

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## Event Outcomes

SOFWERX, in collaboration with USSOCOM's Directorate of Science and Technology (S&T), hosted the sixteenth Innovation Foundry Event (IF16), at SOFWERX in Tampa, FL, which intended to bring together Special Operations Forces (SOF), industry, academia, national labs, government, and futurists in an exploration, design thinking, facilitated event to assist USSOCOM in decomposing future scenarios and missions.

The theme of IF16, 'Contested Logistics in Future SOF Operations' explored the challenges of resourcing parts, components, and supplies at the point of need for the untethered SOF operator.

- Out of 316 submissions, 62 Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) were downselected to participate in the event
- 30 additional Government representatives observed the IF16 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 third day
- Insight gained from the event will be used to shape future efforts for USSOCOM

