



SOFWERX



USSOCOM Innovation Foundry (IF17) Event

09-11 December 2025

Event Outcomes

09-11 December 2025, SOFWERX and ICWERX, in collaboration with USSOCOM's Directorate of Science and Technology (S&T) and the Intelligence Community, hosted the seventeenth Innovation Foundry (IF17) Event in Chantilly, VA. The intent of this event was to bring together Special Operations Forces (SOF) and IC personnel, industry, academia, national laboratories, and futurists in an exploration, design thinking, facilitated event to assist USSOCOM and the IC in decomposing future scenarios and missions.

The theme of IF17 was, 'Field-Forward Operations – Future Challenges for SOF and the IC in Data Dense Environments'.

- Out of 659 submissions, 64 SMEs were downselected to participate in the event.
- 27 Government representatives participated onsite.
- 44 additional Government representatives, to include VIP representatives and senior leadership, observed the Event Out-Brief virtually and onsite.
- Path forward: An Event Summary will be sent to participants in the next few weeks. In addition, the Government Stakeholders are looking to move forward with the next phases of the Innovation Cycle and plan to schedule the Rapid Capability Assessment for Cycle 17 in Spring of 2026.

