



U.S. Special Operations Command

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“Engage SOF on Vulcan is **USSOCOM’s digital front door**, connecting industry with SOF feedback to inform the **rapid delivery of warfighter-relevant capabilities**. This streamlined approach redirects time and manpower savings into more **robust assessments**, enabling greater access and understanding of **SOF-relevant capabilities**.” – *Melissa Johnson, USSOCOM Acquisition Executive*



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-relevant capabilities.



REFERRAL: Help identify pathways to validation and potential transition mechanisms within USSOCOM – i.e., Briefing, Experimentation, Prototyping, acquisition, etc.





Engage SOF 2026 Call

- Create a scout card to respond to the eSOF call. Follow the instructions and answer the required questions. Assessors look for:
 - **Make sure your capability/solution matches a Capability of Interest** posted in the call. Submissions that match stated interests will be prioritized for assessment
 - **Concise and clear descriptions** of what the capability does, the problems that it solves and how it is differentiated from similar capabilities
 - Explain how the proposed solution supports the selected **Capabilities of Interest (Col) and command priorities**.
 - Provide evidence to help assessors understand the applicability, maturity, and effectiveness of the proposed solution.
- Once submitted, capability will be scheduled for initial SOF review. Our team will review based on matching priority and provide feedback on your scout card.
- The POCs listed on the scout card submission will receive notification once feedback is published.

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Scout Cards Details Suggestions

Organization	USSOCOM SOF Acquisition, Technology & Logistics (SOF AT&L)	SUBMISSION
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Engagement Objectives:

- Capability Demonstration
- Tech Experimentation
- SBIR / STTR
- OTA Prototype
- Market Research
- CRADA
- FAR Acquisition

Open Date:
26 Mar 2026 : 01:00 EDT

Deadline:

Problem Statement

Bottom Line Upfront

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Engage SOF process is prioritizing **capabilities of interest (Col) that are relevant to the current challenges and are actively pursued by enterprise stakeholders**. Therefore, submissions identified as addressing stated Cols will be prioritized for assessment and potential pathway navigation if there is sufficient evidence that they address SOF warfighter needs. The **Cols will be occasionally updated** as the operational environment continues to evolve. So, it is encouraged that submitters do the following:

1. Review the attached document to ensure that proposed solution matches one or multiple listed capabilities of interests (Col).
2. Explain in your submission how the proposed solution supports the selected Cols and command priorities. State evidence for your support to help assessors understand the applicability, maturity, and effectiveness of the proposed solution.



What Happens After You Submit to Engage SOF?

- 1. SOF Relevance Review:** Submissions reviewed to assess alignment with current and Capabilities of Interest (CoI) and operational priorities.
- 2. Referral to Demonstration & Assessment:** If deemed relevant, capabilities are referred for demonstration and additional review to verify claims and applicability, assess maturity and fit for potential SOF use.
- 3. Experimentation Pathways:** Select technologies may be invited by interested SOF users to participate in Tech Experimentation.
- 4. Prototyping & Acquisition Consideration:** Validated solutions may be referred to prototyping or acquisition pathways, depending on mission alignment, operational need, adoption readiness, and resource availability.

Engage SOF Team does not make these determinations. Directorates or SOF User organization with the Need, Interest in Capability, and Budget Resources make that determination.

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- Review the attached document to ensure it aligns with the needs of the SOF enterprise.
- Explicitly in your submission how the State evidence for your support to help address the needs of the SOF enterprise.

Recommendation: Refer for further engagement

Thank you for your submission to the ENGAGE SOF Call.

Based on our assessment, your capability scored in the **Higher tier** in at least one of the following key evaluation areas:

- SOF-relevant relevance
- Overall technical maturity to support current SOF mission requirements
- Level of interest generated for referral to a SOF area of interest leader

As a result, your submission will be referred to a SOCOM area of interest for further consideration and potential follow-on action. This process may take time as staff coordinates appropriate outreach and further engagement. You may receive one or more of the following requests:

- Additional information to supplement your Vulcan Scout card for enhanced assessment by a subject matter expert
- A request for a virtual or in-person meeting or demonstration
- A recommendation to apply for or participate in a future SOCOM event, such as Technical Experimentation

Importantly, your submission remains discoverable across the broader government innovation ecosystem via the Vulcan platform. Beyond SOCOM, other government organizations can access and take action on your capability at any time, should it align with their mission needs or priorities.

Your Vulcan Scout card is a dynamic asset—continuously visible and eligible for future nominations as strategic objectives, operational requirements, and the character of warfare evolve. Over time, we've seen that successful engagements between SOF users and solution providers stem from Vulcan platform activity—not just interactions at events. This is why we strongly encourage you to keep your Vulcan Scout card updated and complete. Doing so increases your visibility and ensures that SOCOM and other government tech scouts can identify you as a potential partner when mission needs emerge.

Assessment Feedback:

We've attached metric-based assessment feedback that offers insight into how your capability may align with eSOF objectives and the opportunities that may exist to strengthen the alignment of your capability with SOF needs.

Analysis

65 Highest Score

Category	Score
SOF CORE A	~45
Multi-Dom.	~45
SOF Adapts.	~55
Outgroups.	~65
Recommend.	~45

