



Private Capital Investor Cohort Evaluation Criteria

This evaluation is considered competitive and is sufficient to meet competition requirements of acquisition authority 10 U.S.C. Section 4022 whether exercised singularly or in conjunction with separate noncompetitive acquisition authorities such as 10 U.S.C Section 4021 or 10 U.S.C Section 4023. A Cooperative Research Agreement is one possible outcome of this event.

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

Evaluation Criteria are as follows:

1. The General Partnership of the Company must be U.S. Citizens and eligible to obtain SECRET level security clearance. Offices must be located in the United States. Limited Partners (LP's) that are non-U.S. entities will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis but may not be otherwise prohibited or restricted from doing business with the Government. For example, but not limited to, entities on the DoD "Section 1260H" list (P.L. 116-283), the Office of Financial Asset Control Specially Designated National list, or the Bureau of Industry and Security Entity List. Companies may be asked to attest that their LP's are not subject to these prohibitions.
2. Willingness to share Limited Partner Agreement and Private Placemat Memorandum with USSOCOM to ensure investment focus areas are aligned with USSOCOM priorities.
3. Willingness to engage virtually with USSOCOM 5 hours per month and in person every quarter at USSOCOM's discretion.
4. It is highly desirable that the Company have uncommitted capital for new investments.
5. It is highly desirable that the Company have a record of investing in defense technology. A record of investments in technologies aligned with the SOF AT&L portfolio of programs is highly desirable. A record of investing in defense technology companies who have had successful exits (merger, acquisition, initial public offering etc.), is also highly desirable.
6. It is highly desirable that the Company have a record of investing at the Seed and Series A stages of company growth.
7. The Company need not meet the definition of a Venture Capital fund as given meaning by the Investment Advisors Act of 1940 (15 USC 80b), though Companies must be accredited investors as defined by Rule 501 of Regulation D of the Securities Act of 1933.





Funds whose submissions are favorably evaluated may receive an invitation to conduct a teleconference to pitch their submission. The respondent's attention is directed to the fact that Federally Funded Research 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 which will be utilized to objectively review a submission and provide comments and recommendations to Government decision makers. 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 ensuring 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.

The Government may request additional information from the fund to evaluate submissions.

What is a Private Capital Investor Cohort with USSOCOM?

The Private Capital Investor Cohort (PCIC) with USSOCOM was formed to build a purpose-driven community around accelerating Special Operations Forces (SOF) capability development. The PCIC hosts in-person and virtual events focused on best practices to deliver new capabilities at speed and scale to SOF.

Private Capital Investor Cohort Objective

The PCIC will discover and develop accelerator solutions for disruptive and transformational technologies identified by USSOCOM to increase the speed and scale of deployed SOF capabilities.

