SOFWERX STEM Showcase 2024 Q&A Telecon Transcript

1. I don't see a link to submit on the website. Can you show me where that is?
Sure! On the event webpage (https://events.sofwerx.org/sofwerx-stem-showcase-2024) you'll scroll to the bottom under "How You Can Participate" and click on "Click Here to Exhibit." It will take you to a form where you'll fill out basic contact information and other information about your organization.

Event Timeline

Phase 1: 01 February 2024 to 01 March 2024 Submissions for SOFWERX STEM Showcase Open: Interested participants who could provide technology demonstrations, information on education/careers, and internship and employment opportunities within the STEM disciplines.

Completed Phase 1a: 22 February 2024 Q&A Telecon: Interested participants may dial into a virtual Q&A session to better understand the objectives/requirements for the STEM Showcase.

Phase 2: 04 March - 08 March 2024 Downselect: Subject Matter Experts will select those respondents/submissions they feel have the highest potential to satisfy a diverse range of STEM focus areas. Favorably evaluated submissions will receive an invitation to attend the SOFWERX STEM Showcase on/around 11 March.

Phase 3: 9 May 2024 Booth Set up at SOFWERX: Selected participants can set up between 12:00-5:00 PM. Tables, chairs, power, and commercial internet are provided.

Phase 4: 10 May 2024 SOFWERX STEM Showcase: 9AM-4PM Detailed agenda TBD

Tentative Agenda
All times listed are in ET
9:00AM-4:00PM: SOFWERX STEM Showcase 2024

Note: Agenda is subject to change

This event will be held in person at SOFWERX.

How You Can Participate
Industry, Academia, National Labs, and Non-Traditional Attendees

   1. Request to exhibit at the 10 May SOFWERX STEM Showcase: **Click Here to Exhibit** (NLT 01 March)

Students and Educators

   1. RSVP to attend the 10 May SOFWERX STEM Showcase: **Click Here to RSVP** (NLT 03 May)

Questions?
For event-related questions, please contact **Claire Hawley**

For questions regarding student/school/club attendance, please contact **Amanda Roark**

2. Where is this event being held?
The STEM Showcase will be held at SOFWERX in Tampa, FL.

3. I was wondering if there's going to be a pull out for the young women that are interested in technology. I mean, that's a passion of mine, helping to encourage women to stay in the STEM field. I've had a long path as far as being a full set web developer. And now, a data scientist with a masters and doing artificial intelligence. And I really enjoy talking to young women about that. Is that something that you will have available for them? Thank you.
If you would like to focus on talking to young women at your booth, you are more than welcome to do so. However, we aren't going to have specific times for briefs/speakers during the event. It will be an open expo hall type of event. However, we'll take this back and consider this as a topic in the future!

4. Are there any specific areas of interest that have a larger demand than others for this event?
In general, we've seen a lot of interest in the IT/Cyber/AI/ML arenas, but for this event, we didn't have any specific focus areas. It's really just about getting students interested in STEM and government service.

5. When is booth set up?
Thursday, 09 May set up between 12:00-5:00 PM. There is no charge to participate. Additionally, a table, chairs, power, and commercial internet are provided at no charge.

6. When will we know if we're selected?
Favorably evaluated submissions will receive an invitation to participate in the SOFWERX STEM Showcase on/around 11 March.

7. What is the criteria for being selected?
SOFWERX and USSOCOM leadership will be selecting the opportunities that will benefit students. We will be looking for a wide range of technology as well as various company sizes (from non-traditional to DOD Primes).

8. Which schools are coming?
We don't have a final list yet, but the majority of the students will be from the Tampa Bay area.

9. Can we demo?
Yes. After submitting an exhibition request on our event webpage (events.sofwerx.org/sofwerx-stem-showcase-2024), please email me, Claire.hawley@sofwerx.org if you would like to demonstrate your capability and what would be needed for a successful demo (type of space, etc.)

10. Is it a requirement that we have a booth at SOF Week?
No, but we are targeting those companies for this opportunity because they will already be in town.

11. Will we have access to TV monitors?
On a first come, first serve basis. Keep an eye out for the invitation and you'll be able to reserve one at that time.

12. Does our company need to be local?
No, we are open to any and all organizations.

13. Is there a cost to participating/hosting a booth?
No, there is no charge to participate.