

Innovation Foundry (IF7) Event

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SOFWERX, in collaboration with USSOCOM's Directorate of Science and Technology (S&T), hosted the Seventh Innovation Foundry (IF7) Event, bringing together Special Operations Forces (SOF) representatives and Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) to assist USSOCOM in discerning future capability areas for technology exploration for SOF in the conduct of Unconventional Warfare (UW). IF7 utilized design thinking to explore concepts that support missions described in USSOCOM's Operating Concept 2030.

During the event, selected participants had the opportunity to collaborate and ideate with fellow SMEs, the S&T Future's Team, and SOF Operators.

Event Outcomes

- USSOCOM S&T selected 53 SMEs from Industry, Academia, and National Labs to participate virtually in the event.
- 25 additional Government representatives participated onsite and virtually.
- Participants were able to work in virtual teams of like-minded talent to focus on concept areas and solutions.
- Insight gained from the event will be used to shape future efforts for USSOCOM.