

1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102–3.150.

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of the meeting is to provide the subcommittee with briefings and information focusing on the Institute's plan for its students to achieve higher proficiency scores on the Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT), to include updates on curriculum and faculty development efforts.

Proposed Agenda: December 12—The subcommittee will receive briefings associated with DLIFLC's higher proficiency goals and the Institute's actions in supporting said goal. The subcommittee will complete administrative procedures and appointment requirements. December 13—The subcommittee will have time to discuss and compile observations pertaining to agenda items. General deliberations leading to provisional findings will be referred to the Army Education Advisory Committee for deliberation by the Committee under the open-meeting rules.

Public Accessibility to the Meeting: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165, and subject to the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. Seating is on a first to arrive basis. Attendees are requested to submit their name, affiliation, and daytime phone number seven business days prior to the meeting to Mr. Kesten, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Because the meeting of the subcommittee will be held in a Federal Government facility on a military base, security screening is required. A photo ID is required to enter base. Please note that security and gate guards have the right to inspect vehicles and persons seeking to enter and exit the installation. Weckerling Center is fully handicap accessible. Wheelchair access is available on the right side of the main entrance of the building. For additional information about public access procedures, contact Mr. Kesten, the subcommittee's Alternate Designated Federal Officer, at the email address or telephone number listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Written Comments or Statements: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140 and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the public or interested organizations may submit written comments or statements to the subcommittee, in response to the stated agenda of the open meeting or in regard to the subcommittee's mission in general. Written comments or statements should be submitted to Mr.

Kesten, the subcommittee Alternate Designated Federal Officer, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Each page of the comment or statement must include the author's name, title or affiliation, address, and daytime phone number. The Alternate Designated Federal Official will review all submitted written comments or statements and provide them to members of the subcommittee for their consideration. Written comments or statements being submitted in response to the agenda set forth in this notice must be received by the Alternate Designated Federal Official at least seven business days prior to the meeting to be considered by the subcommittee. Written comments or statements received after this date may not be provided to the subcommittee until its next meeting.

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.140d, the Committee is not obligated to allow a member of the public to speak or otherwise address the Committee during the meeting. Members of the public will be permitted to make verbal comments during the Committee meeting only at the time and in the manner described below. If a member of the public is interested in making a verbal comment at the open meeting, that individual must submit a request, with a brief statement of the subject matter to be addressed by the comment, at least seven business days in advance to the subcommittee's Alternate Designated Federal Official, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. The Alternate Designated Federal Official will log each request, in the order received, and in consultation with the Subcommittee Chair, determine whether the subject matter of each comment is relevant to the Subcommittee's mission and/or the topics to be addressed in this public meeting. A 15-minute period near the end of the meeting will be available for verbal public comments. Members of the public who have requested to make a verbal comment and whose comments have been deemed relevant under the process described above, will be allotted no more than three minutes during the period, and will be invited to speak in the order in which their requests were received by the Alternate Designated Federal Official.

Brenda S. Bowen,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Expeditionary Technology Search (xTechSearch) II Prize Competition Announcement

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Announcement of competition.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of applicable laws and regulations, the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology (ASA(ALT)) is announcing the second cohort of the Army Expeditionary Technology Search—xTechSearch II Prize Competition—for the Army to enhance engagements with the entrepreneurial funded community, small businesses, and other non-traditional defense partners. The xTechSearch program will provide an opportunity for businesses to pitch novel technology solutions, either a new application for an existing technology or an entirely new technology concept, to the Army.

DATES:

1. December 31, 2018 at 12:59PM PST. Deadline for submission of White Papers to the xTechSearch competition. Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered.

2. February 25–March 8, 2019. Semifinalists—Up to 60 participants conduct technology pitches to xTechSearch panels.

3. March 26–28, 2019. Up to 25 finalists featured at the Association of the United States Army Global Force Symposium and Exposition in Huntsville, AL.

4. October 2019. Capstone Demonstration with Army subject matter experts and Leadership.

ADDRESSES: Proposals must be submitted at Challenge.gov: <https://challenge.gov/a/buzz/challenge/88/ideas/top>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jennifer Smith, Deputy Director for Laboratory Management (ASA(ALT)) Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, Research and Technology, (703) 697–0685 or via Email at: usarmy.pentagon.hqda-asa-alt.mbx.xtechsearch@mail.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Eligibility: The entities allowed to participate in this competition are small businesses as defined in 13 CFR part 121. To qualify, the participating entity must fall within the size standard by North American Industry Classification System code 541713, 541714, and 541715.

There may be only one submission per business. In addition, each entity:

- Shall be incorporated in and maintain a primary place of business in the United States;
- May not be a Federal entity or Federal employee acting within the scope of their employment.
- Sole proprietors may participate in xTechSearch if the individual is a citizen or permanent resident of the United States and the business is registered in the United States.
- Foreign companies may participate in xTechSearch by establishing a US domestic business relationship (*e.g.*, wholly owned US subsidiary) or partner with a US based company.
- Companies that have previously participated in the xTechSearch competition are eligible to participate for new technology concepts or improvements to prior submitted proposals.

Registered participants shall be required to agree to assume any and all risks and waive claims against the Federal Government and its related entities, except in the case of willful misconduct, for any injury, death, damage, or loss of property, revenue, or profits, whether direct, indirect, or consequential, arising from their participation in a prize competition, whether the injury, death, damage, or loss arises through negligence or otherwise.

Participants shall be required to obtain liability insurance or demonstrate financial responsibility, in amounts determined by the Army, for claims by—

- Third parties for death, bodily injury, or property damage, or loss resulting from an activity carried out in connection with participation in a prize competition, with the Federal Government named as an additional insured under the registered participant's insurance policy and registered participants agreeing to indemnify the Federal Government against third party claims for damages arising from or related to prize competition activities; and

The Federal Government for damage or loss to Government property resulting from such an activity.

Prizes will be offered under 15 U.S.C. Section 3719 (Prize competitions).

- The total prize pool is \$2.18M.

Evaluation Criteria and Process

Phase I: Concept White Paper Contest

The Phase I proposal must be a white paper describing the novel technology concept, innovative application concept and integration with one or more of the

Army's technology focus areas. The proposal must be submitted via the Challenge.gov portal as a single searchable PDF file containing:

- Title.
- Author(s).
- *Army Technology Focus Area:* Choose from the eight (8) Technology Focus Area(s):
 - Long Range Precision Fires.
 - Next Generation Combat Vehicle.
 - Future Vertical Lift.
 - Network with hardware, software, and infrastructure.
 - Air and Missile Defense.
 - Soldier Lethality.
 - Medical Technologies.
 - Military Engineering Technologies.
- *Keyword(s):* Provide up to ten (10) keywords that describe the technology.
- *Abstract:* Provide an abstract (up to 250 words).
- *White Paper:* Technology proposal concept, no greater than 1000 words (not including title, author(s), keywords, abstract, company bio, graphs, figures or images). The word limit on the White Paper submission will be strictly enforced.

- *List of prior SBIR awards in the past 5 years:* Include Date award received, Funding organization, Phase of awards, and Topic Title awarded.

- *Company Biography (Optional):* Company background information, up to 1 page.

Contestants' concept papers will be reviewed by a panel of subject matter experts who will select the contestants to be invited to the xTechSearch Technology Pitch Forums. Companies selected by the panel will receive a prize of \$4,000 and an invitation to Phase II: xTechSearch Technology Pitches.

Concept White Papers will be ranked using the following Scoring Criteria:

- Potential for Impact/Revolutionizing the Army—50%.
- Scientific and Engineering Viability—50%.

Phase II: xTechSearch Technology Pitches

- Up to sixty (60) selected contestant semi-finalists will be invited to complete an in-person venture style pitch to a panel of Army subject matter experts and judges at locations across the United States.

- Companies will pitch their technology and a proposed live proof-of-concept demonstration for Phase III (15 minute pitch followed by 10 minutes for questions and answers).

- Up to twenty five (25) semifinalists selected by the judge panel will receive a prize of \$10,000 and be invited to display an exhibit and make a formal

public oral presentation of their proposal at the 2019 AUSA Global Force Symposium and Exposition Innovators' Corner in Huntsville, AL.

- Scoring Criteria:
 - Potential for Impact/Revolutionizing the Army—40%.
 - Scientific and Engineering Viability—40%.
 - Proof-of-Concept Demonstration Plan—10%.
 - Team Ability—10%.

Phase III: AUSA Innovators' Corner

- The AUSA Innovators' Corner phase provides up to twenty five (25) xTechSearch semifinalists to be featured at the AUSA Innovators' Corner at the AUSA Global Force meeting, 26–28 March 2019 in Huntsville, AL. The finalists will leverage Army-sponsored exhibit space to engage with Department of Defense (DoD) customers, Army leadership, industry partners, and academia.

- Up to twelve (12) Phase III prize winner finalists will be announced at AUSA and provided a prize of \$120,000 and 6 months to demonstrate proof-of-concept for their xTechSearch technology at the Phase IV: xTechSearch Capstone Demonstration.

Phase IV: xTechSearch Finale Demonstration—October 2019

- Each Phase III finalist will demonstrate proof-of-concept for their technology solution to Army subject matter experts and DoD leadership at the AUSA Annual Meeting and Exposition, October 2019, Washington DC. A single grand-prize winner will be selected for the technology concept with the greatest potential for impact and to revolutionize the Army.

- The winner of the Finale Demonstration will be awarded a prize of \$250,000.

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