



"Crossing the Chasm"

Ground Robotics: A DoD & Industry Partnership

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Partnership Elements



- Joint Ground Robotics Enterprise (JGRE)
- Robotics Technology Consortium (RTC)
- Other Transaction Agreement (OTA)
- FY09-34 Unmanned Systems Integrated Roadmap
- UMS Roadmap Senior Review Committee
- Warfighter Experimentation



Joint Ground Robotics Enterprise



The Joint Ground Robotics Enterprise is that collection of organizations and activities engaged in developing, acquiring, operating, and sustaining ground robotics systems:

- Office of Secretary of Defense portfolio manager
- DoD Service Laboratories technology developers
- DoD Combat Development Organizations requirements developers
- DoD Program Managers and Offices –system acquirers
- DoD Users soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines using robots to perform their missions and tasks

The Enterprise pursues robotics to increase operational capability, reduce exposure to harm, and conducts DoD missions more efficiently (time & dollars)



Other Transaction Agreement



Terms & Conditions:

- 7 year period of performance
- \$175M price ceiling
- Requires significant contribution by non-traditional contractor or 1/3 cost share

Scope:

- Technology Development & Maturation
- Ground Robotic Performance Improvement
- Autonomous Tactical Behavior Development
- Standards Maturation and Evolution
- Mission Equipment Package Integration
- Technology Transition Preparation

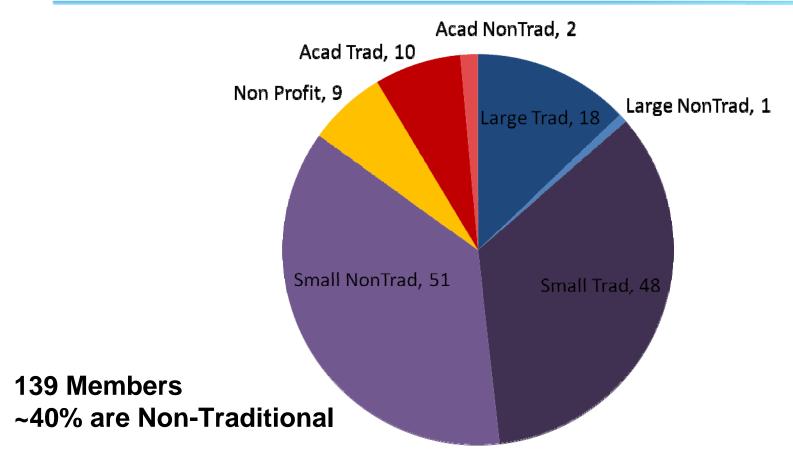
RTC Mission



- Support innovative research to fill current and future capability gaps identified by the services
- Encourage teaming between military system integrators and robot companies, component providers, universities, and nonprofit organizations inventing the next generation technologies
- Enable nontraditional robotic companies to work with the government in an efficient manner
- Provide Industry and Academia with a voice in the DoD technology direction and road mapping process
- Promote the industry by educating decision makers on the state of the industry and technology

RTC Membership





Massachusetts Michigan Joint Ground Robotics Consortium Barrett Tech., Inc Connecticut Cybernet Systems **Boston Dynamics** Ultra Electronics Soar Technology, Inc. 25 March - 139 Members Black-I Robotics Measurement JADI, Inc C-21, Inc **New Jersey** Systems Inc. Tech Team Gov. Foster-Miller, Inc. Minnesota Ohio Sarnoff Corporation Solutions iRobot Corp ReconRobotics, Inc. Smart Info. Flow Tech. Indiana **Battelle Memorial Institute** iTrack. Inc. **SAVIT Corporation** Raytheon Co. **Next Wave Systems** Quantum Signal LLC Think-A-Move **New Hampshire** Rep Invariant Systems Esys Integration Corp Defense Research Assoc. Mobile Robots, Inc Technical Products, Inc. Illinois **Great Lakes Sound** Onvio.LLC First Response Robotics The Charles Stark The Boeing Company Vibration, Inc. Valde Systems, Inc. **Draper Laboratory** Robot Worx . Regents of Univ. Secure Axxess Solutions **Autonomous Exploration** Univ. of Washington of Michigan **New York** Worcester Polytechnic Shee Atika Technologies, LLC Mobile Intell. Con **Energid Technologies** Atair Aerospace BRIC Engin. Systems Textron Systems Corp. Honeybee Robotics Boston Engineering Corp Toycen Corp. RPU Technology, Inc. ithos Robotics Corp Scientific Systems Inc. **Wyoming** Droid Works, Inc. Univ. of Wyoming Pennsylvania Carnegie Mellon Univ. Chatten Associates, Inc. NuVision Engineering, Inc RE2, Inc. **Autonomous Solutions, Inc** Kairos Autonomi Colorado SkEyes Unlimited, Inc. Pennsylvania State Univ. The Tech. Collaborative STRATOM, Inc. Concurrent Technologies Stealth Robotics **Burnham Consulting Inc** Seegrid Corp Arizona Un. Of No. C Ibis-Tek **Texas** Airtronics Inc Butterfly Haptics, LLC California Honeywell Inter. Texas A&M Nomadio, Inc. Alliance Spacesystems Southwest Research Institute Concurremt EDA American Reliance, Inc. (Washington, DC Kuchera Def. Sys. BAE, Systems Land & Armamen Black & Rossi, LLC Braintech, Inc. Three Rivers 3D **Broadcast Microwave Services** TRACLabs Inc. **DTC** Communications EmergentViews, Inc. Elbit Systems of America, LLC **Defined Business Solutions** Jet Propulsion Lab Sense Technologies, LL TBI, LLC Maryland Macro USA Neptec USA, Inc. AnthroTronix, Inc. Mercedes Benz Research & Devel. **New Mexico** General Dynamics Robotic Syst Pandora Data Systems, Inc. Applied Research Assoc. Inc. Lockheed Martin PNI Sensor Corp. Robotic Research, LLC University of Flor Quantum 3D DeVivo AST, Inc. Robotic Technology, Inc. WINTEC: Inc Robotex Inc. Tennessee Vecna Technologies, Inc. Mesa Robotics Science Applications Intern. Harris Corp. GCSD Northrop Grumman Remotec DEL Services, LLC Photon-X, Inc. Corporation (SAIC) Prioria Robotics, Inc. John Northrop & Associates, Inc. Scientific Applications & Research BFA Systems, Inc. Klett Consulting Group, Inc. Georgia Association (SARA) Integ. Solutions for Sys. Oceana Sensor Technologies, Inc. Applied Systems Intelligence, Inc. Silvus Technologies, Inc. PERL Research LLC Old Dominion University Georgia Tech Applied Research Corp. SRI International Polaris Sensor Tech. **SET Corporation** Sullivan Advanced Technology **TORC Technologies** South Carolina TYZX. Inc Virginia Tech National Robotics Training Center Vision Robotics Fed. Sys. Rababy & Associates, LLC Advanced Technology Institute Velodyne Lidar, Inc.

RPP #1 Selectees



Research Area 2.1: Non-Line-of-Sight (NLOS) Teleoperation

Project Awardee: Silvus Technologies, Inc.

Proposal Title: "MIMO-Enabled Communication Links

for NLOS Robotic Tele-operation Missions"

Research Area 2.2: Improved Depth Perception to Aid Tele-Operation

Project Awardee: Chatten Associates

Proposal Title: "Improved Depth Perception to Aid

Tele-Operation"

Research Area 2.3: Rapid Structure Characterization

Project Awardee: Sarnoff Corporation

Proposal Title: "Modular Software Architecture for Rapid

Multi-robot Coordination, Mapping and Structure

Characterization"

Research Area 2.4: Unmanned Sniper Detection

Project Awardee: iRobot Corporation

Proposal Title: "Sniper/Hostile Fire Defeat"

Research Area 2.5: Force and Tactile Sensing Based Manipulation

Project Awardee: iRobot Corporation Proposal Title: "RTK-Remote Touch Kit"

Research Area 2.5: Force and Tactile Sensing Based Manipulation

Project Awardee: RE2, Inc.

Proposal Title: "Force and Tactile Sensing Based

Manipulation"

Research Area 2.6: Mapping in Urban Terrains

Project Awardee: Sarnoff Corporation

Proposal Title: "Mapping in Complex Terrains"

RTC STEM Mission & Vision



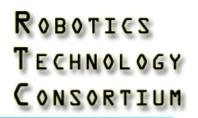
Mission:

To invigorate and educate our youth for next generation STEM professions by injecting intellectual and financial capital from nationwide robotics experts and leaders

Vision:

Engage our youth in STEM education by integrating robotics into their curriculum. Provide our youth and educators access to robotics experts to provide exciting applications of STEM and use robotics technologies to elevate and enrich nationwide STEM curricula. Demonstrate through robotics that STEM is exciting and rewarding and create a learning environment where robotics enforces this excitement.

RTC Membership Survey

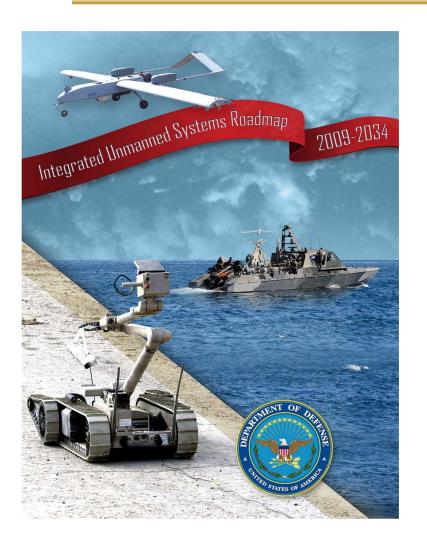


- More positive view of RTC value since October survey, but challenges remain
 - 85% of respondents see some value from RTC, with 47% seeing good or great value
 - Slight improvement since October
- Highest focus for RTC management, according to survey respondents, should be to assist members in obtaining new business . . . stated more strongly in March than in October
 - Increasing ground robotics funding
 - Working beyond JGRE
 - Opening USG channels outside DOD
 - Facilitating teaming and subcontracting



Unmanned Systems Integrated Roadmap





- Applies a capabilities based approach to how we leverage unmanned systems technologies
- Will inform future capabilities and requirements based decisions (compatibility, material availability, standardization, etc.)
- Establishes a common vision for the Department of Defense and as a basis for shaping the DoD/Industry partnership



UMS Integrated Roadmap Senior Review Committee



- Senior Roadmap Committee Ensures:
 - Future vision satisfies DoD needs
 - Department activities accomplish recommended actions and satisfy goals and objectives in the roadmap
 - Roadmap evolves as needs become clearer and technology matures
 - Roadmap informs senior leadership decision making
- Committee Membership:
 - Office of Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology)
 - Office of the Joint Staff
 - Office of Under Secretary of Defense (Intelligence)
 - Office of Networks and Information Integration
 - Office of Program Analysis and Evaluation
 - Office of the Acquisition Executive Army
 - Office of the Acquisition Executive Navy
 - Office of the Acquisition Executive Air Force
 - Office of the Acquisition Executive Marine Corps



Warfighter Experiments



- Simultaneous Combined Approach between Combat and Material Developers
- Team must include:
 - Material Developer (DOD Laboratory)
 - Industry Partner (commercial source of technology)
 - Combat Developer
 - Transitioning PM
- Short Term Effort (1-3 years)
- Outcomes = maturing operational concept, technology maturation, draft requirements



How do Warfighter Experiments Help RTC Members?



- Better understanding of operational environment
- Better understanding of how users would like to employ robots
- Focus on problems important to users, vice guess on what is important
- Users identify new applications not originally envisioned by RTC member

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A Construct for Partnership



- JGRE partners with RTC to inform decision making and develop technologies
- The Warfighter Experiments leverage the technical developments to refine concepts and requirements
- The results of the Warfighter Experiments inform the Senior Steering Committee
- The Senior Steering Committee accounts for progress against the Roadmap and ensures its proper evolution
- The Roadmap provides continued direction for JGRE and the Consortium

