

## SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES ACQUISITION, TECHNOLOGY, & LOGISTICS EXPANDING THE COMPETITIVE SPACE

## Mr. Bill Innes, Deputy Director for Acquisition INTRODUCTION TO USSOCOM & SOF AT&L



## Agenda

- USSOCOM Overview
- Special Operations Forces Acquisition, Technology & Logistics (SOF AT&L) Overview
- Technology Focus Areas
- Doing Business w/USSOCOM

## **USSOCOM's Organizational Structure**



## **Theater SOF Locations**



# 76,594 SOF

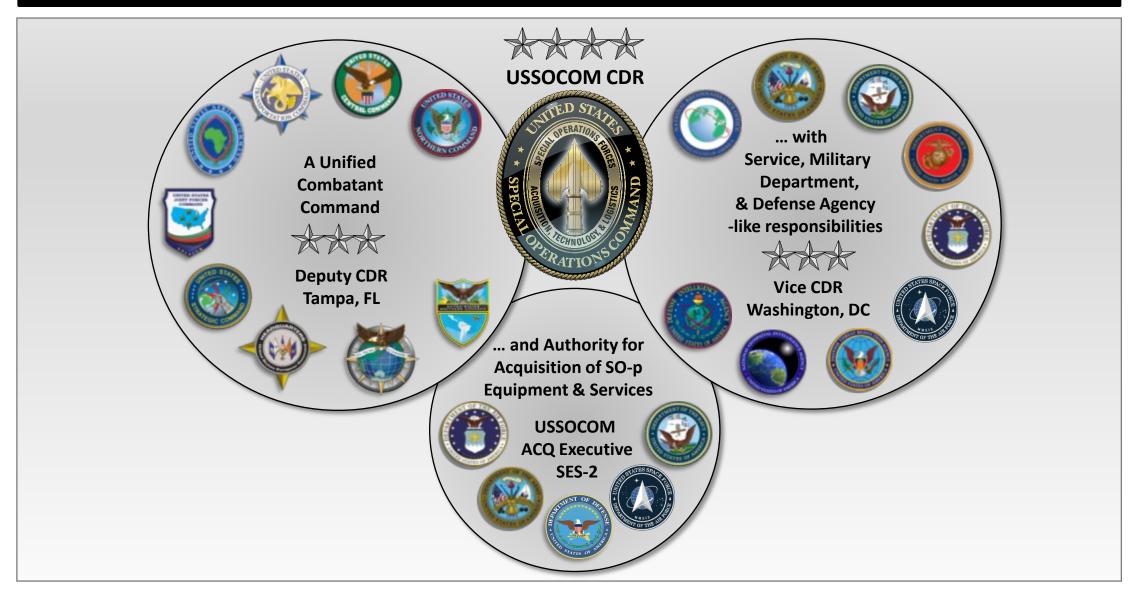
4,743 57 24/7 DEPLOYED LOCATIONS

> "Our Special Operations Forces remain engaged globally, ensuring violent extremists have no respite, while setting advantageous conditions across all domains to compete with adversaries. We are ready to meet today's requirements, while adapting to address tomorrow's challenges."

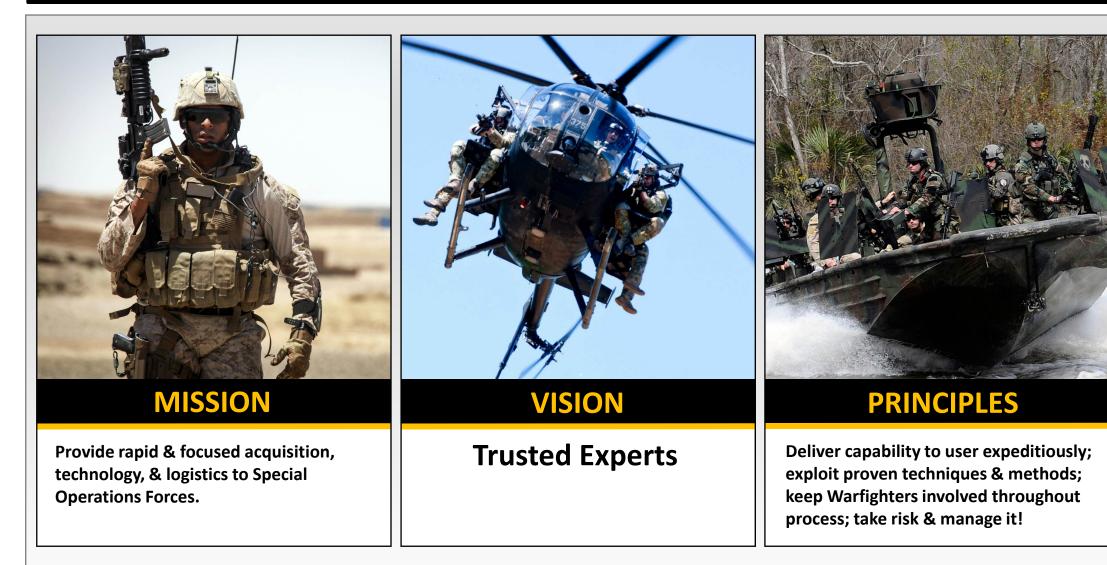
> > GEN Richard Clarke, Commander, US Special Operations Command

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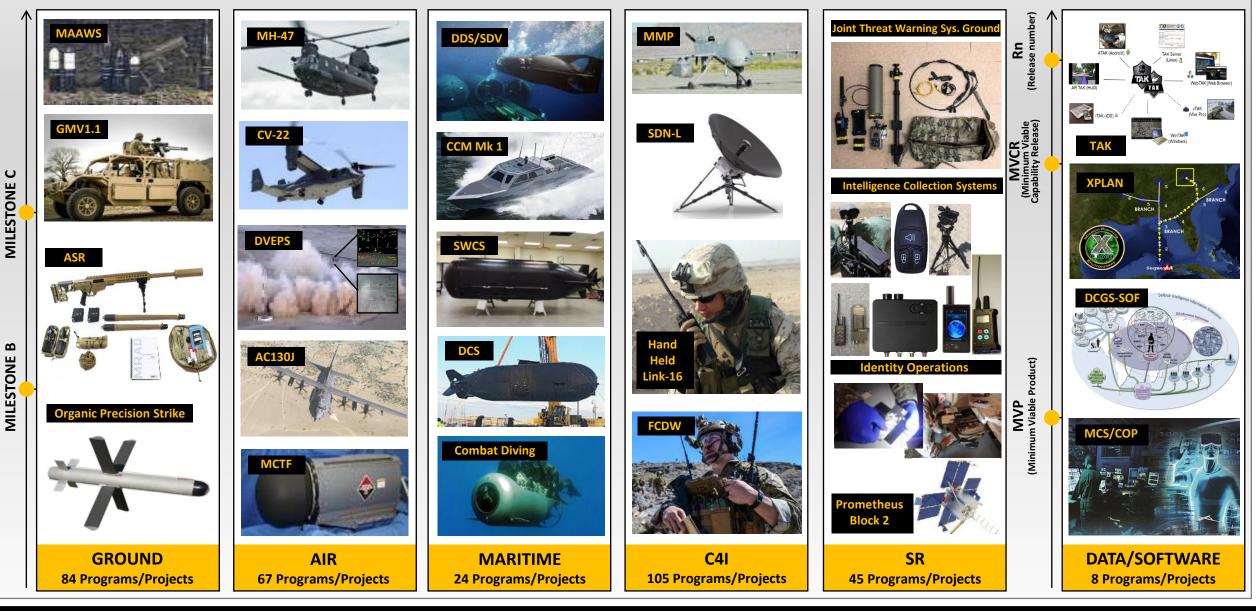
### Authorities & Responsibilities



### SOF AT&L



## Wide Array of Programs



## Special Operations Forces Acquisition, Technology, & Logistics Organization



## Leveraging Agile Authorities



#### OTHER TRANSACTIONAL AUTHORITIES

FY18: 3 Awarded

- FY19: 7 Awarded
- FY20: 40 Awarded
- FY21: 9 Awards to date; 5 Remaining
- Prototype as a Service Follow On
- Prototype as a Service
- Media Manipulation Phase 2
- Multi-FMV Fusion 3D Capability
- Integrated Cyber & Electronic Warfare Infrastructure

#### MID-TIER ACQUISITION

Rapid Prototyping (9)/Rapid Fielding (1)

- Precision Strike Ground & Maritime
- Mid-Range Gas Gun
- Lightweight Machine Gun Medium
- Personal Defense Weapon System
- Maritime Precision Engagement– Integrated
- Combat Diving Navigation & Propulsion
- Handgun Suppressor
- Fire Support-Mission Training & Preparation System



#### PARTNERSHIP INTERMEDIARY AGREEMENT

- Transitions to Program of Record (34)
- Consignments (74)
- Prize Challenges (25)
- Hack-A-Thons (7)
- Rapid Prototyping Projects (7)
- Capability Collaboration Events (74)
- Capability Assessment Events (36)
- Collaborative Project Orders (51)

# **TECHNOLOGY FOCUS AREAS**

- Next Generation Intelligence, Surveillance, & Reconnaissance (ISR)
   Next Generation Mobility
- Precision Fires & Effects
- Hyper Enabled Operators
- Networks & Data
- Biotechnology & Human Interface

## **Capability Focus Areas**

#### **Next Gen ISR**

- Find, fix, finish, exploit & analyze
- Faster & improved accuracy
- Use with & through all domains (Air, Space, Cyber, Maritime, Ground)
- Constellation of multiple CubeSats & SmallSats containing ISR sensors
- Sensors capable threat warning, tracking, & data exfil
- Access to non-permissive environments for intelligence collection

#### **Next Gen Mobility**

- Increased survivability
- Alternate precision navigation & timing

#### **Next Generation Effects**

- Precision strike
- Kinetic/non-kinetic effects in directed energy & cyber

#### **Biotechnologies &** Human Interface

- Empower the combat medic
  Prolonged field care
- Increase physical & cognitive performance

#### **Hyper Enabled Operator**

- Increased survivability, lethality, & situational awareness
- Advanced human-machine interfaces
- Improved decision making

#### Network & Data Management

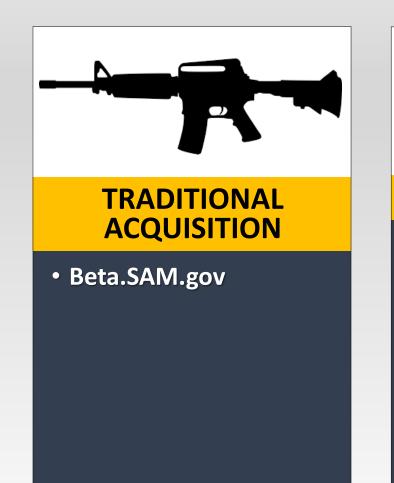
- Mobility of the SOF global mission force
- Provision connectivity anywhere with anyone
- Computing at the edge
- Embedded multimodal data discovery
- Artificial intelligence/machine learning
- Automatically discover, know, anticipate, collaborate

### S&T Integrated Priority List (STIPL)

- <u>Special Communications</u>: Resilient, survivable, federated networks & information ecosystems critical for successful execution of SOF missions
- <u>Tailorable Lethality</u>: Significant increases in precision effects & combat lethality to deliver small unit dominance
- <u>Electronic Warfare (EW)</u>: Offensive EW & Cyber effects that can enable or execute collaborative non-kinetic/kinetic effects
- <u>Human Performance Optimization</u>: Novel means to monitor in real time, while safely improving/increasing the SOF operator's physical & cognitive abilities
- <u>Data Enabled SOF</u>: Advances in artificial intelligence/machine learning (AI/ML) & edge computing techniques to enable data accessibility, advanced processing & analysis, & dissemination in contested/disconnected operating environments. Advance SOF effectiveness through flexible autonomy, reduced operator cognitive loading, & timely actionable insight to tactical decision making

# USSOCOM How Industry Can Help

## Numerous On-Ramps





#### **AGILE ACQUISITION**

- SOFWERX
- Broad Agency Announcements
- Small Business
   Innovation Research
   (SBIR)
- Technical Experimentation

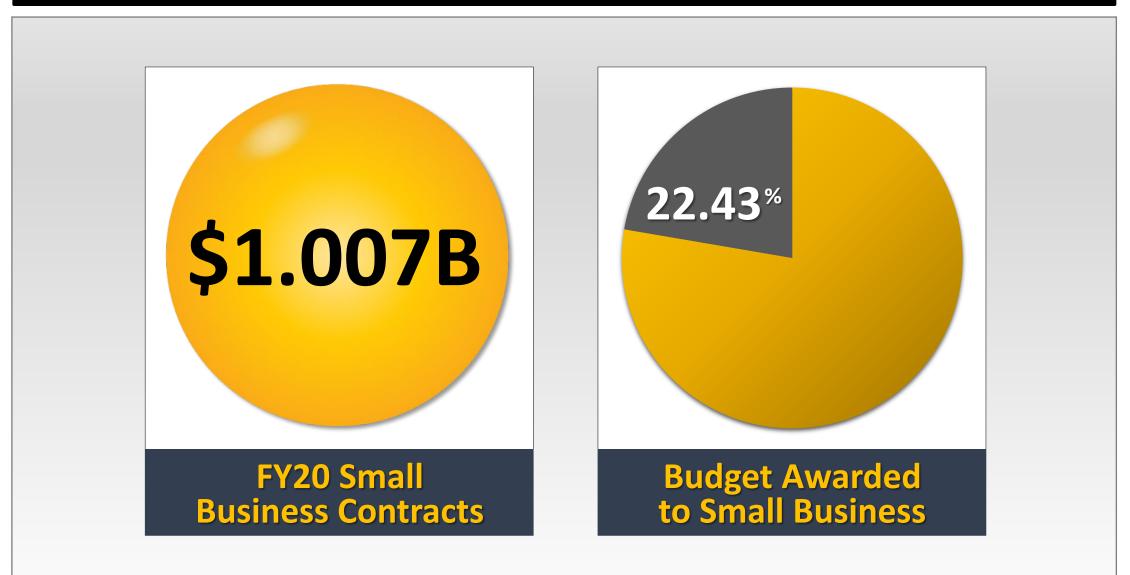


#### **TECH DISCOVERY**

(No Contract/Funding)

- Tech Experimentation
- Central Data Repository
- Engage SOF (eSOF)
- Cooperative Research

### Opportunity

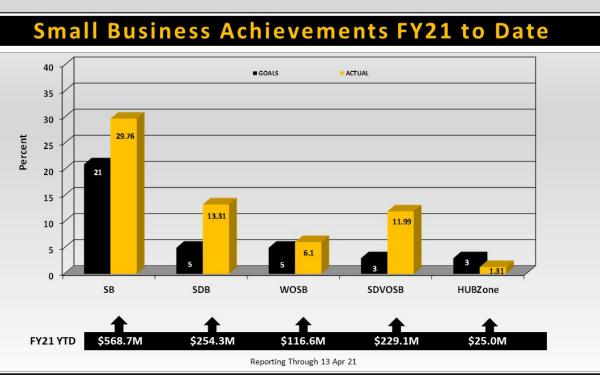


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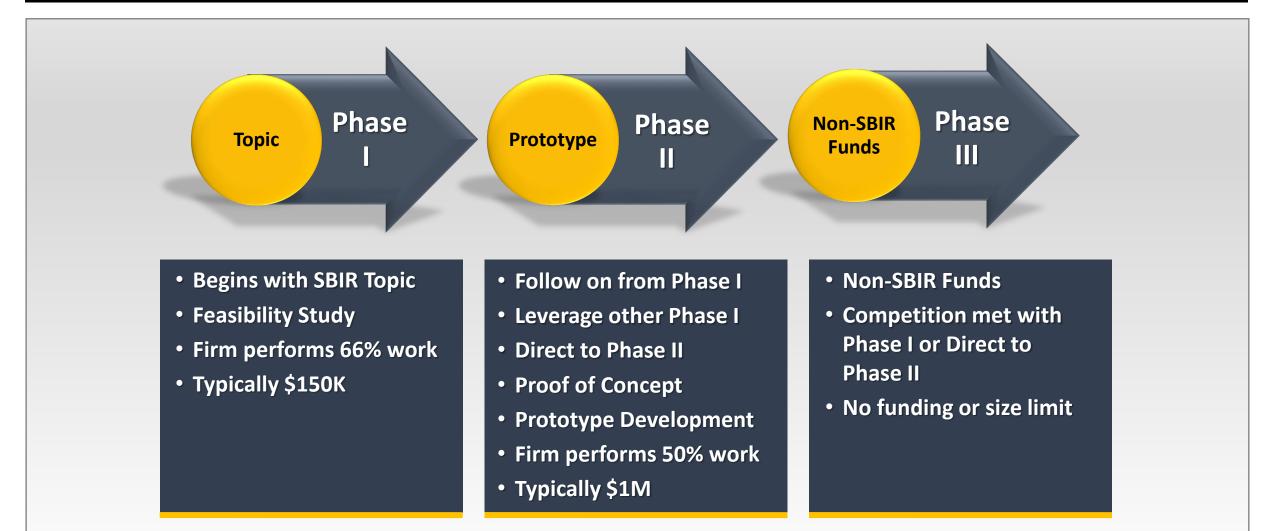
- Important Point of Entry for Small Businesses
- Office is charged with ensuring Small Businesses are afforded the maximum practical opportunity to support the command
- Regularly meet with Small & Large Businesses
  - Virtual meetings
  - AE SB Roundtable 6x a year virtually
  - E-mail or call any day
- What's important to us?
  - Capability, capability, capability
  - Proven track record of performance
  - Proper clearances
  - Tickets are secondary at best



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## Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Three Phased Approach Developing Innovative Solutions



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#### >50% of USSOCOM Phase IIs Began as Non-SOF Efforts



## **SBIR Links**

- USSOCOM SBIR Program: https://www.socom.mil/SOF-ATL/Pages/sbir.aspx
- DoD SBIR program (managed by OSBP): www.acq.osd.mil/osbp/sbir
- Federal SBIR Program (managed by SBA): www.sbir.gov

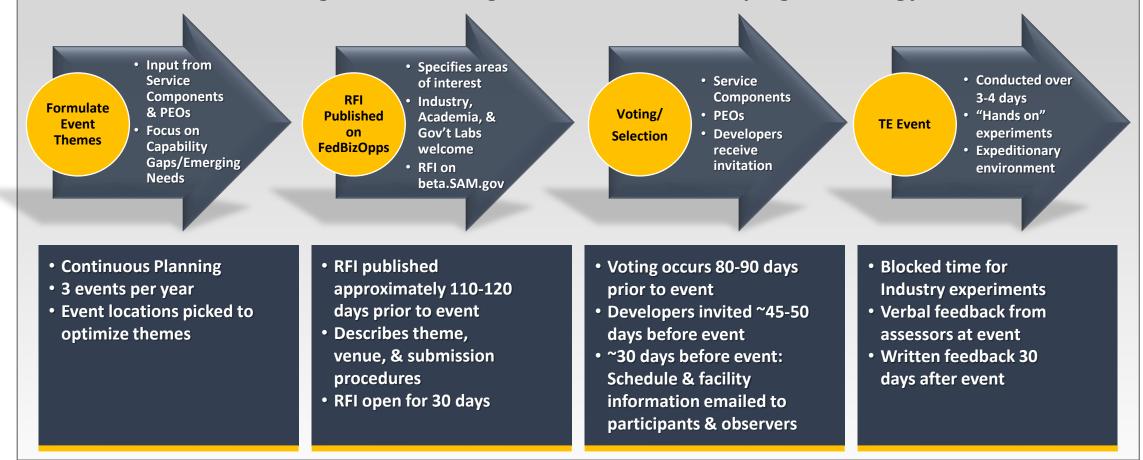


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## **Technical Experimentation Purpose/Process**

To help improve SOF warfighter capability and provide operational & programmatic insight to industry by bringing Technology Developers, Operational Users, and Program Offices together to assess developing technology.



### **TE Schedule**

- TE 21-2, 21-25 June 2021 at Muscatatuck, IN
  - Experimentation Focus: Next Generation ISR/Tactically Relevant SA, Biotechnologies/Human Interface
- TE 21-3, 26-30 July 2021 at Muscatatuck, IN
  - Experimentation Focus: Sense Through The Wall (STTW)
- TE 22-1, 15-19 November 2021 at Key West, FL or Coronado, CA (TBD)
  - Experimentation Focus: Combat Diver/ Surface Systems
- Public Link: <u>https://www.socom.mil/SOF-ATL/Pages/technical-experimentation.aspx</u>



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#### USSOCOM/SOFWERX

#### USSOCOM's Partnership Intermediary Agreement (PIA) operates as SOFWERX under 15 USC 3715

#### **CAPABILITIES**

- SOF Focused Ecosystem
- Collider/Disrupter Events
- Ideation Sessions & Collaboration
- Prize Challenges, Prototyping, Experimentation, Combat Evals
- Fast & Flexible Agent
- Commercial Non-FAR Sub-Awards
- Off-Base Access
- Honest Broker













#### VALUE

- Making New Tech & Capabilities Available
- Competitive Acquisition Process
- Pacing Commercial Tech Gains & Threats
- High Iterative Cycles, Low Cost
- Better Informed & Quality Decision Making
- Low Barriers to Entry for Industry
- Accelerate Entry Into Acquisition Cycles
- Building Relationships

#### Join the SOFWERX Ecosystem: www.sofwerx.org

## Technology & Industry Liaison Office (TILO)-ENGAGE SOF (eSOF)

- Transitioned from Technology & Industry Liaison Office (TILO) to Engage SOF (eSOF) at beginning of FY21
- Will still match your company's product/service/capability to the appropriate personnel within the command
- Schedule discussions or demonstrations if there is sufficient interest at the headquarters
- Public Link:
  - https://www.socom.mil/SOF-ATL/Pages/eSOF-main.aspx



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### **OCRADA** Purpose

#### **Overarching Cooperative Research & Development Agreement (OCRADA)**

Advance research & capability development to meet USSOCOM mission requirements & supports viability in other potential commercial applications

## **OCRADA Process**



# YOUR CHALLENGE

We Move Fast, but We Need to Move Even Faster — Can You Keep Pace? - New Tools & Authorities - SOF are Early Adapters

# **WORK WITH US**

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#### **Submitting Ideas**

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#### **VULCAN**

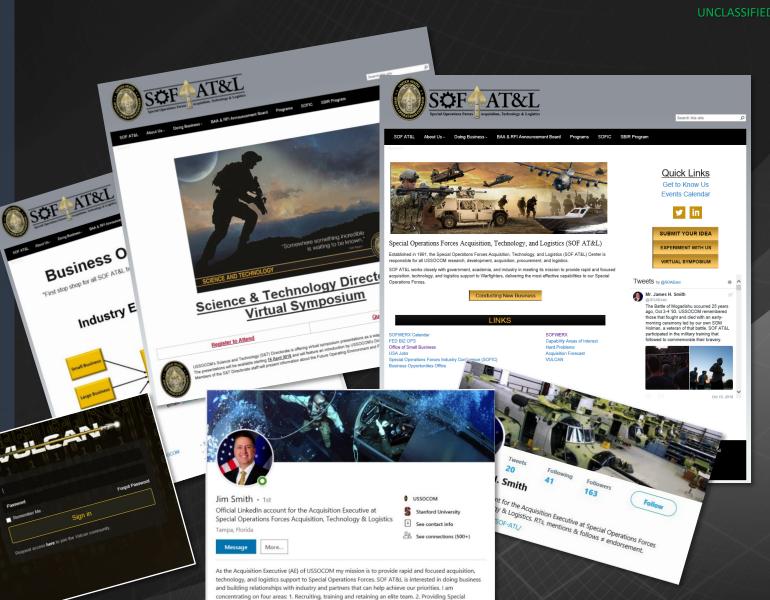
https://www.Vulcan-SOF.com

#### **SOFWERX**

https://www.sofwerx.org

#### **Technical Experimentation**

https://www.socom.mil/ SOF-ATL/Pages/technical-experimentation.aspx



#### Videos will be available at https://www.socom.mil/SOF-ATL/Pages/sofic.aspx after the event

Operations equipment and services informed by Operators and focused on Command requirem

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