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DOD'S 14 CRITICAL TECHNOLOGY AREAS



Seed Areas of Emerging Opportunity

- 1. Biotechnology
- 2. Quantum Science
- Future Generation Wireless Technology (FutureG)
- 4. Advanced Materials

Defense-Specific Areas

- Directed Energy
- 6. Hypersonics
- 7. Integrated Sensing and Cyber

Effective Adoption Areas

- 8. Trusted AI and Autonomy
- 9. Integrated Network Systems-of-Systems
- 10. Microelectronics
- 11. Space Technology
- 12. Energy Resilience
- 13. Advanced Computing and Software
- 14. Human-Machine Interfaces

OSC's 33 Covered Technology Areas



- 1. Advanced bulk materials;
- Advanced manufacturing;
- 3. Autonomous mobile robots;
- 4. Battery storage;
- 5. Biochemicals;
- 6. Bioenergetics;
- 7. Biomass;
- 8. Cybersecurity;
- 9. Data fabric;
- 10. Decision science;
- 11. Edge computing;
- 12. External communication;
- 13. Hydrogen generation and storage;
- 14. Mesh networks;
- 15. Microelectronics assembly, testing, or packaging;
- **16**. Microelectronics design and development;

- 17. Microelectronics fabrication;
- 18. Microelectronics manufacturing equipment;
- 19. Microelectronics materials;
- 20. Nanomaterials and metamaterials;
- 21. Open RAN;
- 22. Optical communications;
- 23. Sensor hardware;
- 24. Solar;
- 25. Space launch;
- 26. Spacecraft;
- 27. Space-enabled services and equipment;
- 28. Synthetic biology;
- 29. Quantum computing;
- 30. Quantum security;
- 31. Quantum sensing;
- 32. Critical minerals and materials; and
- 33. Special marine infrastructure

Bold = "Industry Segments of Particular Interest" to OSC

OSC's Guiding Critical Technology Framework



