

### SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES INDUSTRY CONFERENCE

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#### **Chief, Technology Discovery**

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- USSOCOM S&T pursues technology innovation and utilizes a SOATC process for SOF-centric S&T development
- SOATC process allows better synchronization of SOF-related technology initiatives occurring with the Department of Defense and across other government agencies
- Improves collaboration with stakeholders and leverages external capital opportunities to address SOF capability gaps





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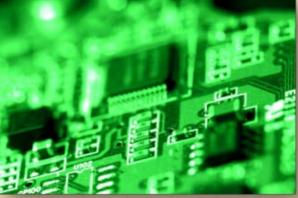
### **Revolutionary and Innovative**

- Looking to leverage and collaborate with others to move beyond the 1-2 year development window
- Must establish long-term engagement relationships and communicate SOF S&T needs and strategic goals to all our partners
- SOF can rapidly evaluate and integrate technologies allowing for faster and better informed investment decisions
- We are the "Tip of the Spear" and must stay that way technically

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### **Innovative Tools and Process**

- Researching and beginning to implement SOCOM challenges
- Working across the Government to identify common virtual tools
- Establishing the SOCOM S&T Reef Virtual space on public, NIPR, and SIPR networks allowing for discussion and collaboration
- Looking to institute a common database with other government agencies allowing for easier, more efficient data searches and sharing



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### **Innovative Outreach**

- How can USSOCOM best utilize Industry and Academia
- Need your help to solve critical technical challenges
- Need to protect your IP and ability to compete
- Must institute a collaborative process spark innovation, technical change, and shorten the "kill chain"