# Closing the "Innovation Gap" at SOCOM



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**Acquisition Research Symposium** 



- Barriers to entry
  - Base access
  - SOCOM access
  - Digital device prohibitions
- FAR restrictions
  - BAA
- Commercial Innovators
  - NTDC
  - COTS
  - DCAA accounting

#### **Problem Set**



- Non-FAR
  - CSO
  - OTA
  - PIA
- Examples
  - DIU
  - MD5
  - JIDA/JIDO
  - Consortia

### **DoD Solutions**



#### SOFWERX

- Established September 2015
- "SOFWERX provides a SOF focused ecosystem enabling ideation, collaboration, and multiple fast and flexible pathways to accelerate technologies into the hands of [SOF] Warfighters."
- Partnership Intermediary Agreement with the Doolittle Institute (now DEFENSEWERX) 15 USC 3715
- Unclassified facility in Ybor City
- Can conduct prize challenges, hackathons, capability collaboration events, capability assessment events, combat evaluations, tech sprints and experimentations, and rapid prototyping

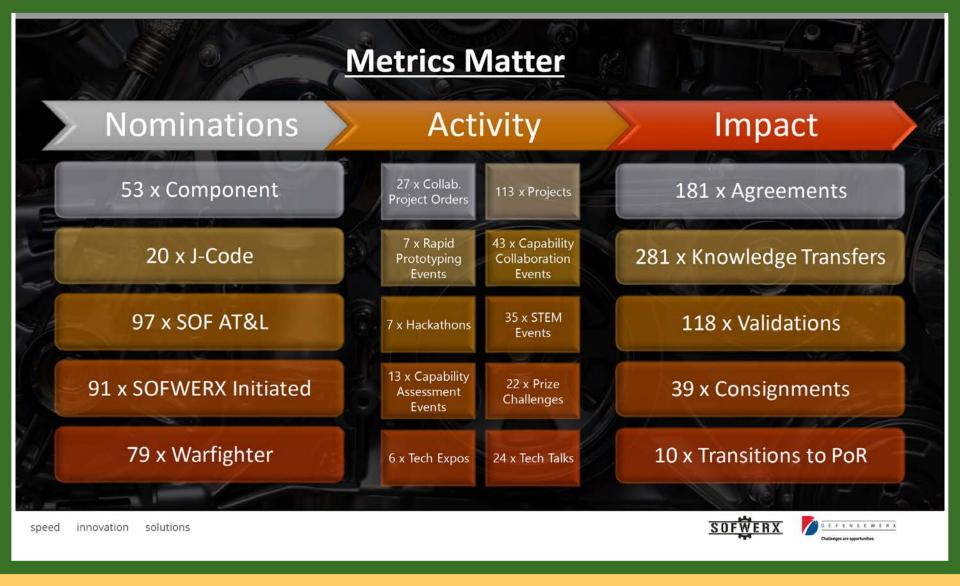
#### **SOCOM Solution**



- Transition pathways
- AT&L education on Non-FAR capabilities
- Attracting Non-Traditional Defense Contractors

## Challenges





## Metrics (as of Feb 19)



## **Open Discussion**

