

COUNTER-UAS

Tech Transfer

Counter Unmanned Aircraft System (cUAS)

PURPOSE

Identify and evaluate innovative counter-UAS technologies capable of supporting the Find, Fix, Track, Target, Engage, and Assess (F2T2EA) workflow against Group 1 UAS in complex and contested environments while connecting government stakeholders with emerging commercial capabilities

Event Outcomes

- **123** total EOIs
- **94** 1-page capability summaries received
- **47** technologies selected for 1:1s
- **875** webpage views
- **2,887** LinkedIn impressions across three targeted posts
- **6,200+** innovation ecosystem members reached
- **10+** follow-on government-industry engagements initiated.

The Doolittle Institute, in partnership with the Air Force Research Lab Air Warfare Directorate (RA), planned, facilitated, and hosted **DI Tech Showcase – Counter UAS**, bringing together Department of the Air Force experts, industry, academia, startups, and non-traditional defense organizations to evaluate innovative technologies supporting the **Find, Fix, Track, Target, Engage and Assess (F2T2EA)** kill chain process against Group 1 UAS threats. Through collaboration across the DEFENSEWERX network, including partner hubs and their respective Department of War stakeholders, the showcase expanded access to mission-focused expertise, supported collaborative technical evaluations, and strengthened identification of emerging counter-UAS capabilities.

DI received **123** Expressions of Interest (EOIs), with **94** organizations submitting full capability summaries for government evaluation and down-selection. Following technical review by government stakeholders, **47** technologies were selected to participate in the DI Tech Showcase – Counter UAS.

Held **22–25 June 2026**, the four-day hybrid event brought together U.S.-based industry participants, academic institutions, government-affiliated laboratories, and innovation organizations for one-on-one engagements with AFRL and government subject matter experts.

Technical discussions focused on the performance and operational applicability of presented counter-UAS solutions. Selected organizations will be invited to submit a White Paper under the existing Broad Agency Announcement (BAA), while government technical evaluations and follow-on engagements continue to identify and connect technologies with the greatest transition potential.

Event Impact:

- **Accelerated Technology Discovery** by rapidly identifying and connecting high-potential counter-UAS technologies by leveraging the DEFENSEWERX network, significantly reducing the tech scouting and evaluation timeline for AFRL.
- **Forged a Direct Pipeline for Continuous Horizon-Scan** by establishing a clear and repeatable framework for identifying, evaluating, and transitioning technologies. This pipeline moves beyond a one-time event, creating a sustainable advantage for AFRL in the rapidly evolving counter-UAS domain.
- **Enabled ongoing government technical evaluations** to assess promising technologies for future collaboration and transition.