

Special Notice N0001426SN004**Special Announcement for Office of Naval Research:
ONR Innovation Industry Days (I2D)****I. INTRODUCTION**

This Special Notice announces the ONR Innovation Industry Days (I2D). The purpose of this event is to communicate and solicit feedback on the Office of Naval Research's Science and Technology (S&T) roadmaps projected over the next 15 years. Insights gathered during this event will directly inform future ONR S&T opportunities.

II. TOPIC DESCRIPTION

ONR seeks to engage industry (both traditional and non-traditional), commercial, and innovative partners interested in addressing the Navy's future needs, particularly within Technology Readiness Levels (TRL) 1-6. Discussions will center on the eleven ONR Focus Areas (FAs) and supporting Research Areas (RAs):

- **Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Autonomy:** Machine Learning; Adversarial AI and Autonomy; Intelligent and Collaborative Agents; Perception and Understanding; Autonomous Systems Control; Agile, Assured AI and Autonomy.
- **Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Cyber, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (C5ISR) and Naval Space:** Electromagnetic Warfare; Surveillance, Sensors, and Phenomenology; Resilient Position, Navigation, and Timing (PNT); Communications and Networking; Command, Control, and Information Dominance; Full-Spectrum Cyber; Naval Space Sensors and Effects; Naval Quantum S&T
- **Directed Energy and Kinetic Systems:** High Energy and Pulsed lasers; High Power Microwaves; Counter Directed Energy Weapons; DE Lethality and Operations Analysis; DE Capabilities Enablers; Propulsion Systems and Airframes; Improved Payloads; Find, Fix, Track, Target Enablers; Weapon Networking and Autonomy.
- **Human and Biological Systems:** Warfighter Development and Decision Superiority; Warfighter Physiology, Performance, and Resilience; Biomanufacturing for Fleet Sustainment; Integrating Warfighters and Autonomy
- **Manufacturing:** Process and Automation; Digital Tools; Integrated Manufacturing and Sustainment Technologies.
- **Materials and Electronics:** Sensor Materials; Extreme Environment materials and Processes; Sustainable and Operationally Robust Materials; Integrated Materials Systems Technology; Power Electronics; Plasma Sciences;

- **Naval Engineering:** Resilient Naval Systems Science and Engineering; Integrated Cyber-Physical Systems; Complex Systems and Design Sciences.
- **Naval Aerospace:** Sea-Based Aviation; Naval Aviation Readiness and Sustainment; Advanced Autonomy and Integration; Aircraft Propulsion, Power, and Thermal Management.
- **Ocean, Atmosphere, and Space:** Understanding the Physical Battlespace; Battlespace Sensing Technology; Battlespace Prediction Systems; Battlespace Exploitation.
- **Power and Energy:** Energy Storage; Power Generation; Thermal Management; Power Distribution, Control, and Resilience.
- **Undersea Systems:** Undersea Sensors; Undersea Distributed Systems; Undersea Exploitation; Undersea Weapons and Effects.

III. EVENT DETAILS

The I2D will occur from Monday, September 21 to Friday, September 25, 2026.

The event will take place in Arlington, VA 22201. The exact address will be shared to approved attendees in the subsequent confirmation email that will be sent on September 04, 2026.

Dress Code: Military uniform of the day / Civilian business casual attire.

IV. REGISTRATION

Registration Site: <https://www.onlineregistrationcenter.com/register/4269-747>

Registration Deadline: Friday, August 21, 2026, at 1600 EDT.

Registration Fee: There is no registration fee for participation.

Audience: Registration is strictly limited to U.S. industry partners. Foreign nationals, academia, and the media are prohibited from attending or participating.

Company Limit: Due to space constraints, registration is limited to two representatives per company. During registration, attendees must select their top three (3) Focus Area topics of interest. Based on available capacity, attendees may be limited to these specific Focus Areas sessions.

Mandatory Requirement: Submission of a Technology Alignment Statement (detailed in Section VI) is mandatory for attendance approval. Registrations without a corresponding TAS submission will be automatically rejected.

Access: Pre-registration is REQUIRED for all attendees. No in-person, Day-of-Registration will be available.

V. ATTENDANCE & SECURITY

All visitors attending I2D must be pre-registered. Walk-in attendees will not be permitted. Check-in details will be provided upon registration confirmation. There will be no virtual / hybrid attendance options available.

- **Receive Your Access Approval:** Once your registration is submitted, ONR will send a second, automated email on Friday, September 04, 2026, confirming your attendance approval and providing check-in instructions.
- **Day-Of-Event:** Check-in begins at 0800 EDT each day, with the event starting promptly at 0900 EDT. We highly encourage arriving early to allow sufficient time for security and we recommend not bringing unnecessary electronic devices.
- **Identification:** For entry, you must present a valid, government-issued photo ID (e.g., REAL ID, Passport, CAC) demonstrating U.S. citizenship

VI. TECHNOLOGY ALIGNMENT STATEMENT (TAS) SUBMISSION

To participate in the I2D, all attendees must submit a short Technology Alignment Statement (TAS) during registration. This submission serves as the prerequisite for general event approval. A TAS is a concise summary of your company's investments and capabilities, explicitly mapping how those specific efforts align with ONR's Focus Areas (detailed in Section II).

Additionally, from this pool of TAS submissions, ONR will select specific companies for dedicated 10-minute technology meet-ups. These selective 1-on-1 sessions will focus on technical discussions regarding the company's Independent Research & Development (IRAD) investment portfolio and plans. The criteria for the 10-minute meet-ups are: (1) Relevance to the selected Focus Areas and associated Research Areas; (2) Availability in the schedule, and (3) Restricted to one meet-up per company.

Format: The TAS must specify at least one (1) but no more than three (3) applicable Focus Areas, and must directly map the company's IRAD investments to those specific Focus Area(s) and their associated Research Areas (detailed in Section II). The TAS is limited to 300-words maximum.

Submission: The TAS will be submitted via the Registration Site at the time of registration.

Disclaimer: This announcement does not constitute a solicitation and shall not be construed as a commitment by the Government. Responses in any form are not offers, and the Government is under no obligation to award a contract as a result of this announcement. Any submission of information is strictly voluntary.

VII. SIGNIFICANT DATES AND TIMES

- 1600 EDT on August 21, 2026 -- I2D Registration Closes
- 1600 EDT on September 04, 2026 -- Attendance approval sent to applicants
- 1600 EDT on September 04, 2026 -- Technology Meet-up Confirmations
- 0800 EDT on September 21 to 25, 2026 -- Daily Check-in
- 0900 EDT on September 21 to 25, 2026 -- Daily Start Time
- 1600 EDT on September 21 to 25, 2026 -- Daily End Time

VIII. POINTS OF CONTACT

Any questions regarding this announcement and associated EVENT logistics should be submitted to:
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