



## DOING BUSINESS WITH INDUSTRY | NSRDEC

The Natick Soldier RD&E Center (NSRDEC) is located at the U.S. Army Natick Soldier Systems Center in Natick, Massachusetts, under the Army's Research, Development and Engineering Command (RDECOM). We have the dedicated mission to maximize the Warrior's survivability, sustainability, mobility, combat effectiveness and quality of life by treating the Soldier as a System. NSRDEC is charged with the responsibility of providing virtually all of the non-lethal assets the Warrior wears, carries or consumes.

NSRDEC's industry and academic partnerships are significant contributors to the achievement of the Laboratory's mission objectives. Below is a list of some of the mechanisms available to non government entities that provide for the exchange of intellectual property, expertise, and data; use of personnel or services; materials; and the use of equipment and facilities.

### PARTNERING WITH THE NSRDEC

- **Cooperative Research & Development Agreement (CRADA):** Allows for federal and nonfederal parties to enter into agreements to conduct specified research and development related technology transfer activities that are consistent with the laboratory's mission.
- **Cooperative Agreement (CA):** Purpose is the transfer of something of value to the recipient to carry out a public purpose of support or stimulation authorized by U.S. law.
- **Other Transaction (OT):** Mechanism used when CRADAs and CAs are not applicable. Designed to encourage non-traditional defense contractors to participate in government business.
- **Technology Investment Agreement (TIA):** Used to carry out basic, applied, or advanced research projects when it is appropriate to use assistance instruments and the research is to be performed at least in part by for-profit firms, especially as members of consortia.
- **Testing Services Agreement (TSA):** Agreement to use services available, for a fee, to test materials, equipment, models, software and other items. We offer our testing services to private industry.
- **Unsolicited Proposals:** A written proposal submitted to an agency on the initiative of the submitter for the purpose of obtaining a contract with the Government and which is not in response to a formal or informal request.
- **Broad Agency Announcement (BAA):** Competitive solicitation procedure used to obtain proposals for basic and applied research and that part of development not related to the development of a specific system or hardware procurement.
- **Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR):** Designed to stimulate technological innovation by small businesses and increase technology transfer and commercial application of DoD supported research and development results.
- **Small Business technology Transfer Program (STTR):** Designed to stimulate technological innovation in the private sector and which must have substantial cooperative research with a research or educational institution.

More information on the NSRDEC, including details on many current programs and products, can be found on our web page at [nsrdec.natick.army.mil](http://nsrdec.natick.army.mil). You can also download our **Doing Business Guidebook** at [nsrdec.natick.army.mil/media/print/DoingBusiness-Guidebook\\_Web.pdf](http://nsrdec.natick.army.mil/media/print/DoingBusiness-Guidebook_Web.pdf).

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