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1. SOCOM14-001: Power Supply for the Tactical Assault Light Operator Suit (TALOS)

   Release Date: 11-20-2013Open Date: 12-20-2013Due Date: 01-22-2014Close Date: 01-22-2014

   OBJECTIVE: Investigate and identify a suitable safe, lightweight power supply for the exoskeleton component of the TALOS ensemble. DESCRIPTION: The TALOS ensemble is a new initiative in USSOCOM that is intended to provide solutions for the enhanced mobility/protection/situational awareness capabilities to augment the direct assaulter. As such, the power supply for the TALOS ensemble wi ...

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2. SOCOM14-002: Advanced Transparent Armor Materials and Manufacturing Methods

   Release Date: 11-20-2013Open Date: 12-20-2013Due Date: 01-22-2014Close Date: 01-22-2014

   OBJECTIVE: The objective of this feasibility study is to develop innovative transparent armor for Ground Mobility Vehicles (GMV) that is lighter than existing transparent armor and that is affordable. Develop innovative transparent armor that is at least 25% lighter at a given protection level and in the current space claim than current transparent armor in GMV. The cost of the innovative armor sh ...

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3. SOCOM14-003: Advanced Opaque Armor Materials and Manufacturing Methods

   Release Date: 11-20-2013Open Date: 12-20-2013Due Date: 01-22-2014Close Date: 01-22-2014

   OBJECTIVE: Develop a low cost, light weight armor package that has reduced visual signature while offering high protection against threats for Non Standard Commercial Vehicles (NSCV). DESCRIPTION: Modified commercial vehicles are a staple of Special Operations activities. One reason a commercial vehicle is used is to blend in with local vehicles. They serve a purpose of enabling advance mobi ...

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4. SOCOM14-004: Hydrogen Generation from Water and Full or Partial Replacement of Petroleum Fuels in Diesel Internal Combustion Engines

   Release Date: 11-20-2013Open Date: 12-20-2013Due Date: 01-22-2014Close Date: 01-22-2014

   OBJECTIVE: Develop a system to generate hydrogen from water on site for use in combatant craft diesel engines to decrease dependency of Naval Special Warfare on petroleum fuels and to increase craft fuel economy and range. DESCRIPTION: Improving fuel economy, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and minimizing fuel costs associated with Military vehicles is a necessity given dwindling budgets an ...

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5. SOCOM14-005: High Performance Marine Diesel Closed Coolant System for High Speed Combatant Craft

Release Date: 11-20-2013Open Date: 12-20-2013Due Date: 01-22-2014Close Date: 01-22-2014

OBJECTIVE: Develop a closed coolant system for the SOC-R to eliminate use of off-board, raw water to cool the engines. DESCRIPTION: SOC-R engine cooling is provided by raw water from the engine pumps and from the Hamilton jets. This raw water sometimes contains debris that clogs the engine strainers causing the engines to overheat. This is especially problematic during beaching operations wh ...

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6. SOCOM14-006: Low Acoustic Signature Manned Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance

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OBJECTIVE: Develop active and passive noise suppression technologies to reduce the acoustical footprint of the King Air - 350ER (B - 300ER) manned Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) platform. DESCRIPTION: Manned ISR platform operators need to strike a balance between operational factors. They must fly close enough to collect the mission data while maintaining sufficient stan ...

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7. OSD14.1-AU1: Biometrics for Human-machine Team Feedback in Autonomous Systems

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This topic is supported under National Robotics Initiatives (NRI). OBJECTIVE: Develop and use biometrics that provides feedback about the status of human-machine team in autonomous systems. DESCRIPTION: Intense workload and short deadlines place a great deal of stress on warfighters applying computer systems to complete their mission. Biometric techniques show promise for detecting variatio ...

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8. OSD14.1-AU2: Evaluating the Performance and Progress of Learning-enabled Systems

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This topic is supported under National Robotics Initiatives (NRI). OBJECTIVE: Develop methodology to evaluate and measure the performance and progress for learning enabled systems. DESCRIPTION: A long term goal of machine learning is to develop systems that

learn complex behaviors with minimal human oversight. However, future systems that incorporate learning strategies will not necessarily ...

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9. OSD14.1-AU3: Evaluating Mixed Human/Robot Team Performance

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This topic is supported under National Robotics Initiatives (NRI). OBJECTIVE: Develop methodology to evaluate mixed human/robot team performance DESCRIPTION: Introducing robotic assets to a military or civilian unit should increase the level of performance for the team. We evaluate human teams by scoring their performance on specific tasks; they can be a single score for the team, or an aggr ...

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10. OSD14.1-AU4: Safety Testing for Autonomous Systems in Simulation

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This topic is supported under National Robotics Initiatives (NRI). OBJECTIVE: The Army is interested in adding autonomy to its vehicle convoys [1], but how can we certify that these autonomous algorithms are safe? Currently, live testing of full vehicle systems is the only acceptable method, but even after hundreds of hours of successful live testing, a single hidden failure point in the algor ...

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