

### Overview:

CWP provides funding on a competitive basis to DoD organizations to conduct cooperative research, development, test, and evaluation (RDT&E) projects with foreign partners. The goals of the CWP program are to:

- **Collaboratively address strategic technology gaps for current and future missions**
- **Develop interoperability solutions for coalition operations**
- **Strengthen current defense partnerships and develop new relationships**

Through this annual, competitive process, CWP selects projects that enhance and increase coalition capabilities in support of operational, technological, or political objectives. CWP projects enable project teams to move a technology into the next stage of development or prepare for transition to operational forces.

### What is Cooperative RDT&E?:

Cooperative RDT&E is any project or program with U.S. and foreign government partners committed to accomplishing a common objective. In these projects:

- Work can be done jointly and/or separately to achieve a common goal
- Each government has equitable project manager and execution duties/participation in the research and development aspects
- Each government gains defense benefits from engaging in the project
- Each government provides contributions to execute the effort, to include: government labor, equipment, facility use, national industrial and academic participation
- Tests and demos to prove out the overarching research and development efforts

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### The Competition Cycle (nominal):

- Summer – Call for nominations; CWP outreach events; meetings with interested project leads
- October – Quad Chart due to CWP Office\*
- October – February – Nomination Development
- Mid-February – Final nominations due to CWP Team\*
- March – DoD review and final grading
- April – CWP selections announced
- May – Initial documentation due
- As Defined in Project Plan – Projects begin

\* - Services and Agencies may have internal due dates; contact CWP leads for more information

### CWP Requirements: A CWP proposal must:

- Have a U.S. DoD-led Project Team committed to managing and executing the project
- Have foreign government defense partner(s)-led Project Team(s) equally committed to managing and executing the project with equitable contributions
- Show legitimate use for RDT&E funding
- Clearly identify R&D activities that will be completed by each partner
- Respond to one or more documented DoD needs
- Meet stated CWP funding requirements
- Have the ability to establish the appropriate international agreements in time to execute project
- Show reasonable plan for delivering tangible product (report, study, prototype, end-item)
- Identify transition path and show commitment to transition in writing if project completes successful demonstration(s)

### Responsiveness to DoD Needs:

The CWP Team works closely with experts within the DoD to make sure projects respond to identified CCMD or DoD needs. In most cases, technologies or outcomes developed under CWP projects are not region-specific, but rather benefit the DoD in multiple theaters.

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### CWP Funding Requirements:

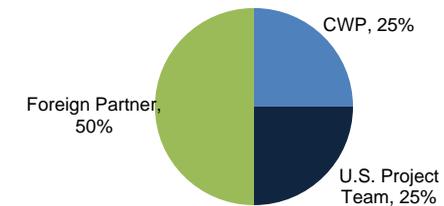
CWP will provide 1 to 3 years of RDT&E “seed” funding. Maximum project length is 3 years.

- Maximum request is \$2M. Requests for maximum funding have to be clear “game changers”
- CWP funds pay for U.S. tasks only

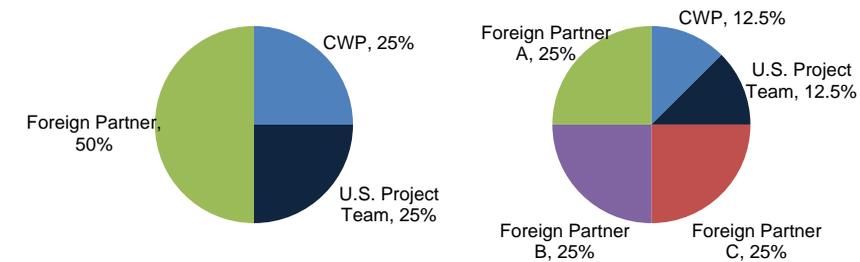
As a source of support funding, CWP requires at least matching contributions from the U.S. Project Team and foreign partners. These contributions can be a mix of financial and in-kind resources dedicated to executing the project. Financial contributions show project team commitment to the technology/outcome and transition.

- Other (non-CWP) U.S. contributions have to be equal to or exceed the CWP request.
- U.S. regulations require “equitable” contributions from each partner. In most cases, that means equal to the total U.S. contribution.

**Resource Contributions  
Bilateral Projects**



**Resource Contributions  
Multilateral Projects**



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## History

CWP, established in 2000, began funding projects in FY01. To date, CWP has funded 158 projects.

CWP projects support DoD acquisition by:

- Helping program offices convert U.S.-only projects into coalition solutions for the U.S. warfighter
- Influencing coalition interoperability in major programs that will have far-reaching use by U.S. forces
- Addressing requirements of combined operations early in a program's development cycle to avert risks to joint/coalition operations and avoid costs associated with adding requirements later in the acquisition process
- Gaining U.S. DoD access to leading-edge global technology
- Providing significant cost savings to the DoD while maintaining a strong research and development base

## Getting Started

Nomination templates and deadlines change annually. Anyone considering submitting a proposal should review the documents on the CWP website (CWP Management Plan, FAQs, etc) and contact the CWP office as soon as possible for assistance and guidance.

**Website:** <http://www.acq.osd.mil/ic/cwp.html>

The CWP Team and the CWP POCs within the Service and Agencies, are happy to help turn ideas into competitive project nominations. We will help refine the proposal, work through specific issues or questions, help with coordination and work toward gaining Combatant Command advocacy for proposals.

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