

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 an annual, competitive process, CWP selects projects that 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 participation in the research and development elements of the project
- 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, industrial and academic participation
- Tests and demonstrations prove out the overarching research and development efforts

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The FY21 Competition Cycle:

May	Call for nominations; CWP outreach
7 Aug	Quad Chart due to CWP Office*
Fall-Dec	Nomination Development
9 Oct 6	First draft nominations due to CWP Team*
Dec Jan	Final nominations due to CWP Team*
Feb-Mar	DoD review and final grading
Apr-May	CWP selections announced
	Initial documentation due

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

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) equally committed to managing and executing the project
- 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
- Establish the appropriate international agreements in time to execute project
- Show reasonable plan for delivering tangible product
- Identify transition path and show commitment to transition in writing

Responsiveness to DoD Needs:

The CWP Team works with DoD experts to ensure projects meet Combatant Command and 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:

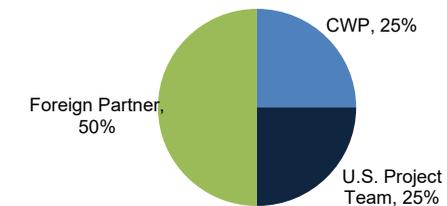
CWP will provide 1 to 3 years of RDT&E “seed” funding. Maximum project length is 3 years.

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

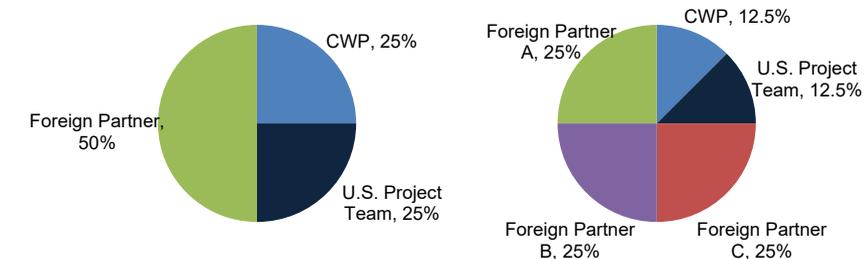
CWP requires matching contributions from the U.S. Project Team and foreign partners. These contributions can be a mix of financial and in-kind resources dedicated to executing the project. Financial contributions show project team commitment to the technology/outcome and transition.

- 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



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Multilateral Projects



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History

CWP, established in 2000, began funding projects in FY01. To date, CWP has funded 170 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 and contact the CWP office for assistance and guidance.

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The CWP Team and the CWP POCs within the Service and Agencies, help turn ideas into competitive project nominations.

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