

Coalition Warfare Program

The Coalition Warfare Program (CWP) leverages U.S. and foreign investments to conduct cooperative research, development, test, and evaluation (RDT&E) projects with foreign partners.

The CWP supports DoD's goals:

- Collaboratively address strategic technology gaps for current and future missions
- Develop interoperability solutions for coalition operations
- Strengthen current defense partnerships and developing 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. Army currently has 20 such projects with 10 countries. The Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Defense Exports and Cooperation (DASA [DE&C]) is the Executive Agent for managing the program for the U.S. Army. Only submissions sponsored by a Department of Defense organization will be submitted. 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.

A CWP Proposal must:

- Have a U.S. DoD-led Project Team committed to managing and executing the project
- DoD sponsor financial and non-financial contributions equal to CWP contribution
- Have foreign government defense partner(s) equally committed to managing and executing the project
- Written support for foreign partner(s) supporting project scope and funding
- Both U.S. and foreign partners contribute to the research and development elements
- Equitable funding between U.S. and each foreign partner
- Show legitimate use for RDT&E funding
- Clearly identify R&D activities that will be completed by each partner
- Address warfighter challenge and documented DoD need
- Advocacy by at least one Combatant Command
- 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

CWP will provide 1 to 3 years of RDT&E "seed" funding. Maximum project length is 3 years. Maximum request is \$2 million. 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.