



Rapid Acquisition Coalition Launches to Accelerate and Strengthen Innovation for the Department of War

New coalition will advocate for modernizing defense technology acquisition

Washington, DC (December 11, 2025) - Today, three industry consortia have joined to announce the launch of the [Rapid Acquisition Coalition \(RAC\)](https://rapidacquisition.org/) to modernize defense acquisition through a unique vehicle: Other Transaction Authority (OTA) consortia.

OTA consortia serve as the primary pathway for commercial innovators and non-traditional vendors to work with the Department of War (DoW), broadening participation, strengthening competition, and supporting mission-critical technology areas across the Department. For more than a decade, they have enabled rapid prototyping, expanded competition, and accelerated fielding in areas like AI, autonomy, cyber, space, microelectronics, and advanced communications for the DoW. The RAC unites the non-traditional technology firms, prime contractors, investors, and industrial partners in these OTA consortia to strengthen and modernize the consortia model at the center of America's defense innovation ecosystem.

"The Rapid Acquisition Coalition will be singularly focused on strengthening one of the Department of War's strongest tools for innovation — the OTA consortium," said RAC founding member Joe Kochan, Chief Executive Officer of the National Spectrum Consortium (NSC). "Our goal is to ensure that Congress, the DoW, and the broader national security community understand how consortia work, what they deliver, and how we should use them to meet today's threat environment."

"OTA-based contracting models accelerate prototyping and fielding, helping DoW move at the speed of commercial innovation," said RAC founding member Alissa Roath, Chief Executive Officer of the National Advanced Mobility Consortium (NAMC). "RAC will work to ensure that any reforms maintain DoW's ability to move fast when needed, preserve meaningful competition, and retain the consortium model's unique value in expanding the industrial base."

The RAC will advocate for expanding access to non-traditional vendors, protecting flexibility while improving transparency and accountability across consortia, and educating lawmakers on the distinct roles of OTAs, Commercial Solutions Openings (CSO), and consortia.

For more information, visit <https://rapidacquisition.org/>.

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About the Rapid Acquisition Coalition (RAC)

The Rapid Acquisition Coalition (RAC) is an industry-led, mission-focused alliance dedicated to modernizing the acquisition system by strengthening one of its most effective tools: Other Transaction Authority (OTA) consortia. More information is available at <https://rapidacquisition.org/>.