



# Air Force Simulators Innovation The Innovation Match Game

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### I/ITSEC Special Event – Innovation Match Game



- Match Innovation technology to use cases in a game show format
  - Submissions from vendors and use cases from AF Units will be gathered prior to event
  - Vendor technologies available to view on Expo Floor during I/ITSEC
- Benefits
  - Showcases training technologies ready for transition
  - Targets successful SBIR Phase II tech, but not limited to SBIRs
  - Match vendors with end users ready to deploy ideas
  - Provides expertise from Sims Innovation toward getting on contract
- Goal is to transition from ideas prototype to deployment



### **MAJCOM** Participation In Match Game



MAJCOM/Training Unit participants will be the "hunters" in this game

- Units will present their need e.g. *need for a part-task trainer for Flux Capacitor calibration and service for DeLorean Time Machines*
- We will match them with three prototypes to consider for this need, and then work with unit on how to transition prototype into contract and sustainment
- Much like the House Hunters TV show the presentations at IITSEC will be scripted to fit in the allotted timeframes for the event
- No contracts will be awarded at I/ITSEC as part of this event



#### **Playing Innovation Match Game**







- 1. Aircrew Training personnel describe the challenge
- 2. Present three different prototypes
- 3. Audience Votes !
- 4. Reveal the choice for transition project



### Schedule for Vendor Participants



- 10 Sept Vendor Application Deadline
- 20 Sep 15 Oct Match "Hunters" to prototypes
  - Assess and Sort prototype projects
  - Internal Selections and Matching
  - Virtual presentations from vendors to "Hunters"
  - Identify Vendor Finalists
  - Build event scripts
- 15 Oct Finalize Vendors that will "Pitch" on stage
- 16 Oct 1 Nov Record video presentation portions
- 2 Nov 8 Nov Finalize scripts
- 9 Nov 19 Nov Virtual Rehearsal sessions
- 30 Nov 2 Dec I/ITSEC !!



### Innovation Match Game – How To Participate



- Requirements for Training Unit submissions
  - Identified training need/gap
  - Willingness to participate in prototype transition
  - Advocate for sponsorship/funding within their organization
  - Unit submissions will open in July <a href="https://www.aflcmc.af.mil/simulators/">https://www.aflcmc.af.mil/simulators/</a>
- Requirements for vendor submissions
  - Successful previous DoD prototype implementation (SBIR or otherwise)
  - Willingness to pitch at I/ITSEC Event
  - Vendor submissions will open in July <a href="https://www.aflcmc.af.mil/simulators/">https://www.aflcmc.af.mil/simulators/</a>
- Note! No contracts will be awarded at I/ITSEC as part of this event
  - Timeline for each project is dependent on budgets and organizational need







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## Sims Innovation Update

**MAJCOM Summit** 

10 Aug 2021



### The Goal: Improving Aircrew Production



Goal State – cut time, the same levels of proficiency



**Traditional Pilot Training - many years to full proficiency** 



WST = Weapons Systems Trainer

#### **NEW SPECTRUM OF DEVICES**



Concept adapted from 97th OG





Information flows to student through tools, with little to no feedback

SIMS INNOVATION

Instructor works through each tool separately with student

Data collection on performance is mostly entered by the instructor

Feedback to student is largely through instructor



This manually intensive for instructors to manage, & does not scale



Future is Data Centric, with networked tools that assist Instructors, and provides students with self-executed training options

Concept adapted from Maj Mark Budgeon, 11th BW



#### Sims Innovation Update



- Ten Pitch Day 2020 SBIR Phase II projects
- Six Pitch Day 2019 SBIR Phase II projects, at or near completion
- Four Successful transitions to Phase III contracts
- Challenge projects
  - With AFWERX and ACC Accelerating Pilots to Combat Ready Aviators
  - With AFWERX/STRIKEWERX & GSC Mixed Reality Air Refueling Challenge
  - With RCO B-21 Raider Training Systems Innovation Challenge
- Member Operator Training Analytics Reports (MOTAR) a training data hub to enable delivery of digital training systems and content





### Questions?