



(10 USC 4022)

# OTA OTHER TRANSACTION AGREEMENTS

## WHAT IS IT?

- The term OTA refers to a transaction between the Government and a private party that occurs outside the traditional contracting process. OTAs are not subject to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) or other acquisition requirements.

## AUTHORITY

10 USC 4022: Authority of the DoW to carry out certain prototype projects.

## WHEN IS A OTA APPROPRIATE?

- For purchase of a prototype project. A prototype project is:
  - a. A proof of concept, model, or process, including a business process.
  - b. Reverse engineering to address obsolescence.
  - c. A pilot or novel application of commercial technologies for defense purposes.
  - d. Agile development activity.
  - e. The creation, design, development, or demonstration of operational utility; or
  - f. Any combination of subparagraphs (a) through (e).
- Prototype projects that are directly relevant to enhancing the mission effectiveness of personnel of the Department of War (DoW) or improving platform, systems, components, or materials proposed to be acquired or developed by the DoW, or to improvement of platforms, systems, components, or materials in use by the Armed Forces.
- Can be used to transition to production through a follow-on OTA standalone agreement or FAR contract with successful completion determination.

## BENEFITS OF USING A OTA

- The authority was created to give flexibility necessary to adopt and incorporate business practices that reflect commercial industry standards and best practices.
- **Flexibility:** Tailored agreements outside constraints of FAR regulations, enabling rapid prototyping and experimentation.
- **Non-traditional partnership:** collaboration with range of industry partners, including those who might not typically engage in federal contracting.
- **Speed:** Expedite project initiation and delivery, supporting agile development cycles.

## HOW TO START A OTA

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