

Department of Defense Launches Allied Prototype Initiative

Initiative Supports Pursuit of NDS Goals Through Collaboration with Allied Partners

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The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, through its Advanced Capabilities directorate, has launched the Allied Prototyping Initiative, a program that leverages existing frameworks for international cooperation in research and development to expand prototyping opportunities on a shared-contribution basis between the U.S. and our closest allies.

The goal of the API is to rapidly co-develop high-impact, game-changing, large-scale operational prototypes. This effort will energize the industrial base through exploring opportunities for co-production. When fielded these prototypes will bolster U.S. and Allied military superiority.

“The API leverages existing prototyping program expertise and funding sources to co-develop leap-ahead capabilities through cooperation with trusted allies whose industrial capacity, capability and workforce strategically complement those of the United States,” said Dr. Michael Griffin, Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering. “The end result will be interoperable prototypes developed on an equitable basis, delivered to coalition forces faster, with demonstrated potential for eventual co-production by the U.S. and allied industrial base.”

The Department expects to announce the first API projects in the first quarter of 2020.

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