



Consortium for Command, Control
and Communications in Cyberspace

TRANSFORMING ACQUISITION



ABOUT C5

C5 is a nonprofit consortium composed of leading companies and institutions in the C4ISR and cyber technology domains. C5 accelerates the development and deployment of new capabilities to the Warfighter through the use of an Other Transaction Agreement (OTA). As an alternative to the often-complex Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), which may discourage non-traditional and small businesses from seeking to work with the Government, OTAs provide a commonsense, flexible and user-friendly way of linking government buyers and commercial sellers of technology through a rapid, efficient and cost-effective acquisition instrument. OTAs replace nothing. They simply are an additional tool that Congress has authorized to help Government program managers accomplish their missions.

BECOMING A MEMBER

Membership is open to all qualified companies, nonprofits and academic institutions conducting research and development in the C4ISR and cyber technology domains. To join, prospective members submit an online application, agree to the terms of membership and pay annual dues of \$500. This fee is waived for academic institutions.

BENEFITS OF USING THE C5 OTA

C5 helps to identify, contract and prototype technology innovations. Project awards made under the C5 OTA are not standard procurement contracts, grants or cooperative agreements, and therefore are not subject to most provisions of the FAR or its supplements. Because of this, they offer great flexibility in tailoring the terms to a particular project and the needs of the participants, achieving the best approach to fulfilling the Government's technology needs.

Features

- Broadens the Defense technology base by reaching innovators not readily available to the DoD
- Prototype Projects under \$50M competitively awarded within 90 days
- Offers seamless transition from prototype to production and sustainment
- Open to large and small businesses
- Offers flexibility in treatment of Intellectual Property provisions
- Promotes public-private collaboration
- Accepts all "colors" of funding
- Allows Government program managers to maintain full project control
- Progress payments made only after milestone achievement
- Project awards cannot be protested
- DHS, DOE and H/HS also can use the C5 OTA



For more information, please visit CMGcorp.org/C5



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Customer/Program Manager

Maintains **full** management responsibility of project

Acquisition Liaison Office

Facilitates acquisition interface

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Provides acquisition services

OTHER TRANSACTION AGREEMENT (OTA)

C5

Contract Administration and Consortium Management

PROJECT AGREEMENT

Consortium Member

Subcontractor

HOW IT WORKS

Unlike other OTA consortia, C5 serves as both the consortium manager and contract administrator, providing an independent, transparent single interface between members and the Government. At any time throughout the year, program managers can solicit technology solutions for their funded requirements from C5's membership. C5 works with each interested member to ensure that government expectations are met and statutory compliance is maintained. Project execution is subcontracted by the consortium to the member(s) selected by the program manager. Approval of deliverables and progress payments are at the discretion of the program manager.

TECHNOLOGY FOCUS AREAS

- Offensive and Defensive Cyberspace Operations
- Situational Understanding
- C4ISR and Targeting
- System of Systems Architecture
- Tactical and Strategic Networks
- Enterprise Systems
- Software and Hardware Technologies
- Systems Integration
- Electronic Warfare
- Positioning, Navigation and Timing
- Information Operations
- Intelligence Analysis, Exploitation and Dissemination
- Mobility
- Autonomy
- Sensors