

Spark Tank '23 SIF Competition



GOT AN IDEA?

KEY FACTS

- FY23's SIF will be awarded by Spark Tank Competition
- No limit on number of ideas submitted by Squadrons or Members



Pictured: TSgt Kevin Wolfe demonstrates his idea for Maintenance Augmented Reality Headsets.
AWARDED \$10K

Pictured: SSgt Tristan Meadors shows off the KC-46 Clamp, a 3d Printed tool for Aeromedics
AWARDED \$10K



CAMPAIGN TARGETS

- Scalable for Travis AFB
- Time Savings/Communication Efficiency



Pictured: SrA Clay Clemmer pitches the RATHCA, a telepresence robot for use inside an inaccessible temperature chamber.
AWARDED \$10K

DO NOT WAIT! Submit your innovation project at

[TravisSpark.com/ideas](https://travisspark.com/ideas)

CAMPAIGN TIMELINE

OCT 25

JAN 15

FEB 28

MAR

MID MAR

CAMPAIGN START!

Solicitation of ideas. Project development mentorship.

SUBMISSION CLOSE

Solicitation closed. Focus on refinement and development

REQUIREMENTS DEADLINE

Execution Research Complete. Development complete. **DQ if incomplete**

INITIAL PITCH

Pitch to Execution SMEs: WG/CCV, CPTS, CONS. Selected teams progress.

FINAL PITCH!

Innovators present **10** minute pitch to 60 AMW/CC and Selected Judges

How do I get started?

- Begin by submitting your idea at travisspark.com/ideas
- You will receive an immediate follow-up email with next steps!

What are examples of “Innovation”?

- Innovation is the improvement of the Wing’s mission execution through trying something new.
- Can include but is not limited to: New tools, technologies, processes, techniques.
- Last year’s Spark Tank included ideas on everything from hosting a TED talk, to building robots, to 3D Printing new KC-46 equipment for Aeromedics.

How will judging for Spark Tank work?

- There are 2 stages of judging
- The preliminaries panel will be chaired by WG/CCV and will assess idea pitches with execution SMEs (CONS, CPTS, JA, Spark, etc) using a standard rubric
- Funding recommendations are assigned to the top scoring ideas, the next highest scored idea, and so on, until the SIF pot is exhausted
- Ideas nominated as particularly innovated or having widespread impact will be selected to present at Spark Tank Finals to compete for special recognition beyond funding in mid March.
- Spark Tank Finals, chaired by WG/CC and special guests, will judge contestants for the 2023 *Golden Bear Travis AFB Impact Award*, as well as to identify two ideas to represent the 60AMW at the AMC Spark Tank.
- **Key Takeaway: “Winning” and being funded are not mutually exclusive.**

What is VISION and why do I have to use yet another program?

- VISION is a Platform One based system built by the Air Force innovation community for project management. VISION gives you:
 - Visibility into other innovation projects across the enterprise
 - Project management tools
 - Ease of organization and simple team communications
 - Ease of coordination across myriad bureaucracies
 - Access to talent and SMEs

What is a Key Innovator?

- Commanders are tasked with appointment of a Key Innovator for their unit
- Key Innovators act a POC, innovation advocate, and shepherd for all ideas submitted by members in a unit.

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