**Problem Statement (conveyed by Ms. Sloane Bailey)**: SAF/CIO A6 has two major concerns with the existing event: (1) the judging schedule is not compatible with SAF/CIO leadership AFITC schedule on 28/29 Aug; and (2) this event may not be of value to the Air Force.

1. **COA 1 (As-Is: #2 Reccomendation by Chamber/AFCEA Leadership)** - Kickoff event held on Sunday evening, Preliminary Round and Down Select to 3 held on Monday evening, Final Round judged by SAF CIO leadership on Tuesday.
   1. Synopsis: Event participants will have 24hrs from the event kickoff until presentations are due (4PM Monday) to meet and collaborate face to face producing their deliverable. First judging round will select the top 3 and have representation from diverse key stakeholders (i.e., AF, local govt, industry and academia). Since the problems/solutions being presented are AF specific, the final round will be judged by SAF CIO and AF senior leadership in a 30-minute session on Tuesday.
   2. Pro’s
      1. No additional travel cost for participants
      2. Inclusive of all functional areas of participants and judges
      3. Maintains high level of consistency amongst judging evaluations with all judges judging all presentations for each phase of judging.
      4. Allows an opportunity for SMEs and technicians to have a more active role in the conference
      5. Allows SAF CIO and AF senior leadership to participate with minimal impact to their schedule (approx. 30 minutes of judging, additional 30 mins to engage w/all participants if desired)
      6. Maintains high level of consistency amongst judging evaluations with all judges judging all presentations for each phase of judging.
   3. Con’s
      1. Extends event to Tues
2. **COA 2 (Recommended by Ms Sloane Bailey)** - Kickoff event held on Saturday evening, Presentations and Judging held on Sunday evening
   1. Synopsis: Event participants will collaborate electronically for the bulk of the event with the event kickoff being held on Sat evening. On Sun evening (approx. 4 hours), SAF CIO and AF senior leadership will judge all presentations and determine a winner.
   2. Pro’s
      1. SAF CIO and AF senior leadership will view all presentations; maintains high level of consistency of evaluation
      2. Allows SAF CIO and AF senior leadership to participate with minimal impact to their schedule (4 hours) on Sunday, and no impact on Monday/Tuesday
   3. Con’s
      1. Event essentially ends prior to the start of the conference, therefore not providing an opportunity for conference attendees to participate in or observe the event during the conference
      2. Decreases the probability of conference attendees viewing the presentations since held over the weekend
      3. Still a major impact on SAF CIO leadership time (4 hours) which takes away from other opportunities to dialog with AF personnel
      4. Increased travel cost (one night lodging and meals) for AF and others
      5. Decreased participation, some may not be able to travel and attend
      6. Limits inclusiveness across all areas because it’s being held over the weekend
      7. Limits the time available for participants to collaborate
3. **COA3 - Kickoff event held on Sunday, all judging is performed on Monday evening**
   1. Synopsis: Event kickoff will occur on Sunday evening and participants will have 24hrs to submit their presentations. Three sets of judges will be assembled to evaluate presentations on Monday evening. A winner will be selected based on the scores from the three different panels.
   2. Pro’s
      1. Allows SAF CIO and AF senior leadership to participate with minimal impact to their schedule (1 hour)
      2. Maximizes participation in the event to be all inclusive of all functional areas
      3. Does not increase travel costs
   3. Con’s
      1. May not maintain high level of consistency amongst evaluations with a different panel of judges in each room
      2. Requires additional meeting room space and resources to accommodate 3 separate judging areas
      3. Requires more judges from other areas to maintain balanced evaluations on each panel
4. **COA4 - Event is not an official activity of AFITC (without AF partnership)**
   1. Synopsis: Event kickoff is held on Sunday evening, judging occurs on Monday evening and winner is announced.
   2. Pro’s
      1. No additional travel cost for participants
      2. Inclusive of all functional areas of participants and judges
      3. Maintains high level of consistency of judging/evaluations in by having the same judges view all presentations
      4. Allows an opportunity for SMEs and technicians to have a more active role in the conference
   3. Con’s
      1. Inability to advertise and market on the AFITC website
      2. Limited participation by SAF CIO and AF senior leadership
5. **COA5 - Event is not an official activity of AFITC (#1 Recccomendation by Chamber/AFCEA Leadership; without AF partnership)**
   1. Synopsis: Event participants will have 24hrs from the event kickoff until presentations are due (4PM Monday) to meet and collaborate face to face producing their deliverable. First judging round will select the top 3 and have representation from diverse key stakeholders (i.e., AF, local govt, industry and academia). Since the problems/solutions being presented are AF specific, the final round will be judged by SAF CIO and AF senior leadership in a 30-minute session on Tuesday.
   2. Pro’s
      1. No additional travel cost for participants
      2. Inclusive of all functional areas of participants and judges
      3. Maintains high level of consistency of judging/evaluations in by having the same judges view all presentations
      4. Allows an opportunity for SMEs and technicians to have a more active role in the conference
      5. Allows SAF CIO and AF senior leadership to participate with minimal impact to their schedule (approx. 30 minutes of judging, additional 30 mins to engage w/all participants if desired)
      6. Maintains high level of consistency amongst judging evaluations with all judges judging all presentations for each phase of judging.
   3. Con’s
      1. Inability to advertise and market on the AFITC website
      2. Extends event to Tues