



# THE INNOVATOR

## DLA J68 RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT NEWSLETTER

### ICD Commemorative Edition



## “RENEWING & RESHAPING OUR GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN SOLUTIONS”

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#### DLA R&D Mission

Develop and deliver new capabilities through applied technologies and innovative solutions to enhance warfighter sustainment

#### DLA R&D Vision

Premier Innovation for Global Warfighter Mission Readiness

#### PARTNERSHIP

MxD | The Digital Manufacturing Institute  
<https://www.mxdua.org/>



#### 2020 ICD Alumni Awardees:

- Creare
- Supply Dynamics
- Eck Industries
- Mesa Photonics

#### 2021 ICD Alumni Awardees:

- Supercool Metals
- Anactisis LLC



#### DIRECTOR'S CORNER:

##### *ICD...A Pathway to New Partnerships*



Mr. David Koch

For Industry Collider Day 2020, our theme was “The Fusion of Ingenuity and Industry.” We followed in 2021 with “Building Transformative Partnerships and Networks to Support DLA Supply Chains.” Each theme, including 2022’s “Renewing and Reshaping Our Global Supply Chain Solutions,” speaks to our goal of seeking out new partnerships and opportunities to support the needs of DLA, our Department of Defense, and Whole of Government stakeholders.

With each ICD our team strives, and continues to, bring together subject matter experts from academia and industry to meet with our R&D program managers to learn about our organization and needs. In turn, our R&D team engages in discussions about technology trends and potential solutions.

ICD results in new partnerships and relationships. We look forward to the event and great exchange of ideas. The awarding of Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) contracts at the end of each ICD remains an exciting part of the day. Many of the contracts have yielded a number of leading -edge advances.

I would like to thank our R&D team, contractor support, and the many volunteers in DLA for working hard to make today’s ICD a success. I also want to express my appreciation for our speakers, Vice Admiral Michelle Skubic, DLA Director; Dr. George Duchak, DLA Chief Information and Innovation Officer; Ms. Danielle Miller, Director of Assessments and Investments within the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment in the Office of Industrial Policy; Mr. Adarryl Roberts Program Executive Officer, Information Operations; and Don Helle, Disposition Services Improvements Office.

For everyone attending, please respond to our survey to let us know how we can improve for ICD 2023.

#### PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT:

##### ***SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION PROGRAM***

Ms. Denise Price and Dr. Vaibhav “VJ” Jain lead DLA R&D’s Small Business Innovation Program (SBIP) which provides R&D funding to small businesses for solutions to mission - critical supply chain requirements. Tested and approved solutions transition into the appropriate supply chains to strengthen Warfighter readiness support to the Defense Industrial Base.



Ms. Denise Price

The Collider segment of ICD supports the awarding of Phase I SBIR contracts. During ICD 2022, SBIP will award contracts for the following topics: Sustainable Green Efforts in Support of the Clothing and Textile (C&T) Supply Chain; Production of Energetic Materials and Associated Precursors; and Verifying Domestic Sourced or Manufactured Coal Tar Pitch Can Meet Military Requirements.



Dr. VJ Jain

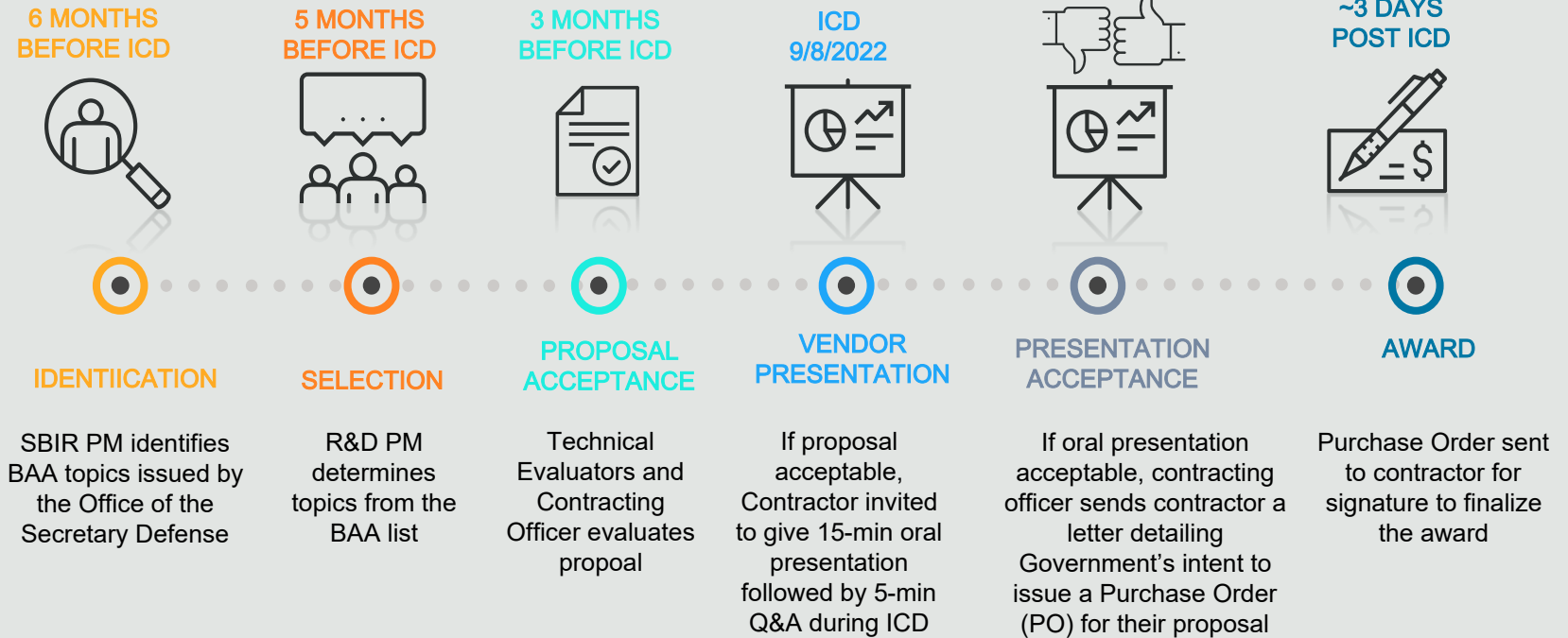
“ICD is our annual opportunity to highlight requirements and understand industry’s gaps and capabilities,” Dr. Jain shared. “This is where we make our DLA R&D pitch for small businesses to work with us.”

Oceanit, a past ICD awardee developed a breakthrough, rapid COVID -19 test kit that received FDA emergency use authorization in February 2022. This project exemplifies how ICD seeks to break down barriers to support access to DLA and the development of solutions by small businesses.

## R&D CONTRACT MANAGEMENT

*Sustaining Our Work with Small Businesses and ICD Yields*

What does it take to perform R&D Contract management for Industry Collider Day?



### MS. MIESHA SPANN

Ms. Miesha Spann joins R&D from DLA Aviation where she served as a Weapons System Program Manager (PM). As a new Tech Accelerator (TA) PM, she looks forward to fostering relationships with Team R&D. "In this role, I am excited to shift my mindset from a linear, traditional approach to design and discovery techniques."

**Fun fact:** Miesha worked for her family's restaurant in Oneonta, Alabama during her high school years, sparking her logistician interest!



### DR. IMES CHIU

As R&D's first S&T Forward from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Dr. Imes Chiu already established a distinguished legacy during her three years with R&D. Imes will lead our Supply Chain Management & Sustainability (SCMS) program. "My initial plans are conducting my own groundwork study in partnership with my customers, so we can mutually develop a shared understanding of their challenges and establish a battle rhythm on how we can best work together," she said.

**Fun fact:** Imes speaks five languages!



### ICD QUICK LINKS

Event link:

<https://hopin.com/events/dla-industry-day-collider>

Sam.gov:

<https://sam.gov/opp/e814c9a7aea248b6a2b4ee26129ab898/view>

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DLA R&D QR Code



**Thank You For Attending!**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

8 Sept | Industry Collider Day (ICD)

*Virtual*

10 Oct | Columbus Day

17 – 18 Oct | R&D Fall Offsite

*Physical Location TBD*

11 Nov | Veterans Day

4-8 Dec | DMC - Tampa, FL