Defense Innovation OnRamp Hubs

Criteria and Consideration for Defense Innovation OnRamp Hub Locations

- Ecosystem Strength (measured using EDA Innovation Intelligence Index)
  - Proximity to private sector technology ecosystems with relevance to DoW modernization priorities
  - Workforce and talent pool availability
  - Expected near- and long-term outcomes for defense innovation
- Community Support
  - Evidence of community commitment to growing the NSIB through existing investments (e.g., focus on national security technology)
  - Potential for public-private collaboration
  - Alignment with Administration and national security guidance
- Existing U.S. military presence
  - Proximity to testing and evaluation assets
  - Proximity to priority military partners
  - Veteran community strength by population
- Other Considerations
  - Geographic and strategic distribution
  - Alignment with DoW needs to ensure locations and partnerships support emerging and long-term capability needs of the Department
  - Assessment of existing federal, state, and local innovation ecosystems to avoid duplication and ensure efficient use of available resources and presence across the United States (e.g., existing Partnership Intermediary Agreements with DoW entities)
  - Resource availability, including for establishment and sustainment cost, infrastructure, and workforce requirements, with 10% of funding coming from local, state, and private sources
  - Preference for full self-sustainment in five years
  - Any other relevant elements identified by the Director