

OTHER TRANSACTION AUTHORITY (OTA)

Designed to enable more rapid technology development and insertion, Other Transaction Authorities or OTAs help fast-track research initiatives and prototype innovation. OTA's offer a more flexible alternative to traditional contracting options (like FAR and DFARS) by encouraging the participation of non-traditional organizations, leading to protype development in significantly less time, and streamlining collaboration among innovators.

Keeping Pace with Technology

Leverage innovative and state-of-the-art technologies from the non-traditional defense community and research institutions for rapid prototyping

Speed of Acquisition

Decreased acquisition time to award. NSTXL's average submission timeline is just over 100 days compared to 12 to 24 months with traditional defense contracting.

Diversification of Sources

Increase competition by encouraging engagement from non-traditional organizations and small businesses.

Other Transaction Agreements (OTAs) refer to the (10 U.S. Code § 4022) authority of the Department of Defense (DoD) created to carry out certain prototypes, research, and production projects. OTAs allows the Government to execute contracts outside of the standard Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) process, enabling rapid and agile acquisition options.

Ideation to Prototype Faster than Ever Before

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