



Defense Patent Holiday

Event Schedule: September 23, 2026 8:00 AM - 4:15 PM

Time	Activity
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Registration, Breakfast & Networking LIFT
8:30 AM-8:45 AM	Welcome & Opening Remarks <i>Vision for DoW's Future of Technology Transfer and Commercialization</i> Mr. Steve Luckowski, Director, T3CP, OUSW(R&E)
8:45 AM – 9:15 AM	DoW Manufacturing Innovation Institutes Mr. Nigel Francis, CEO and Executive Director, LIFT
9:15 AM – 10:30 AM	LIFT Innovation & Learning Lab: Optional Tour and Briefing LIFT High Bay & Learning Lab Tour • Kearney Digital Model Factory • Siemens eXplore Center • LIFT Advanced Metalics Production & Processing Center • LIFT Advanced Characterization Lab • LIFT Plasma Arc Weld Directed Energy Deposition • LIFT Learning Lab
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Networking Break
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	Leadership Perspective: The Value of DoW Intellectual Property Hon. Emil Michael, OUSW(R&E)***invited**
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Navy Leadership's Perspective on Intellectual Property (IP) & how to work with the Navy Dr. Rachel Riley, Chief of Naval Research, (ONR) **Invited**
11:30 PM – 12:00 PM	Manufacturing Science Technology Program (MSTP): Domestic Fuel Cell Component Production Strengthening Mission Readiness Mr. Justin McRoberts, Program Manager, Manufacturing Science & Technology Program (MSTP), OSW Manufacturing Technology, OUSD(R&E))***invited**
12:00 PM – 12:30 PM	From Lab to Licensee: How DoW Labs Work with Industry to Move Patents Forward <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Farooq Mitha, Senior Fellow, FIU
12:30 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM – 1:30 PM	TechLink: How to Work with Us Mr. Scott Springer, Senior Technology Manager, TechLink
1:30 PM – 2:00PM	Funding the Transition: How SBIR, APFIT, and Other Programs Can Move Licensed IP Toward Adoption <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Farooq Mitha, Senior Fellow, FIU
2:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Patenting Advanced Materials: Accelerating Innovation Ms. Carrie Bayer, OUSW(R&E) Director for Advanced Materials
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Networking
3:00 PM – 3:30PM	Building the Bridge: The Support Ecosystem Behind Turning DoD Patents Into Companies <i>Moderator:</i> Mr. Farooq Mitha, Senior Fellow, FIU Petros A. Kotidis, Ph.D, National Innovation Fellow, NobleReach Anya Roberts, Ph.D., Head of Venture Strategy & Advisory, FedTech Michael Bianco, Program Manager, Academic Partnership Engagement Experience (APEX)

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Accelerate the Procurement and Fielding of Innovative Technologies (APFIT) Program Mr. Devin Bohanan, Program Manager of the Accelerate the Procurement and Fielding of Innovative Technologies (APFIT) program
4:00 PM - 4:15 PM	Closing Remarks Mr. Steve Luckowski, Director, T3CP, OUSW(R&E) Mr. Nigel Francis, CEO and Executive Director, LIFT