Undersea Technology Innovation Consortium Facilitates 100th Undersea Prototype Award

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MIDDLETOWN, R.I. – The Undersea Technology Innovation Consortium (UTIC) announced today a significant milestone in its mission to advance undersea tech innovation. UTIC has now successfully facilitated the award of 100 prototype projects, with a value of over $1.4 billion.

UTIC is the consortium for the U.S. Navy's Other Transaction Agreement (OTA) for undersea and maritime technology, an agile and flexible procurement strategy for acquiring military technology. The OTA allows the Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) Newport to rapidly prototype and acquire leading-edge technologies from UTIC member organizations, accelerating innovation that meets the needs and mission of the U.S. Navy. UTIC members represent small and large businesses, academia, and nonprofit research institutes with state-of-the-art undersea and maritime technology.

"UTIC represents some of the most innovative organizations in the nation. Through this partnership, the Navy has fast and efficient access to leading edge undersea and maritime technology," said Molly Donohue Magee, Chief Executive Officer at UTIC. "Our national defense is stronger thanks to this community of best-in-class experts, and our UTIC members continue to successfully compete for exciting and rewarding undersea and maritime technology opportunities in support of the Navy's needs."

Since the OTA award in June 2018, prototype project awards

have been distributed to 64 organizations, including 50 non-traditional defense contractors, demonstrating UTIC's commitment to fostering innovation across diverse sectors.

"Collaboration drives innovation, and speed is a collective imperative. Celebrating 100 prototype projects is not only as a numerical milestone—but a testament to the power of deep industry engagement," added Mica Dolan, President and Chief Operating Officer of Advanced Technology International (ATI), UTIC's consortium management firm.

Successful prototypes developed under the OTA include sonar, autonomous, and communication systems essential for effective operations in the undersea environment.

"I am pleased to note that the excellent partnership between UTIC and NUWC Newport has resulted in a milestone 100 awards through Other Transaction Authority. The continued success of this partnership has helped the Navy move forward in its mission to successfully get emerging technologies to the Fleet at a rapid pace," said Marie Bussiere, Technical Director at NUWC, Newport. "We'll continue to evolve and expand the undersea battlespace through the technologies that come forth through our industry partnerships."

About UTIC

The Undersea Technology Innovation Consortium (UTIC) promotes the rapid development, prototyping, and commercialization of innovative undersea and maritime. UTIC represents a united undersea and maritime industry voice, breaking down barriers to growth by identifying and integrating undersea and maritime technology resources and opportunities, and providing the environment to collaborate on innovative solutions. For more information on UTIC, visit https://www.underseatech.org/.