THE TECHNOLOGY AND NATIONAL SECURITY CONFERENCE
INNOVATING FOR DEMOCRACY: WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO WIN?

MARCH 2, 2024

OUR OBJECTIVE: Challenge the business community to better solve defense problems.

Entering its third year, the 2024 HBS and MIT Technology and National Security Conference will accelerate defense innovation by bringing practitioners and thinkers from the public and private sectors together to solve national security problems. This year's theme, "Innovating for Democracy: What Does It Take to Win?" reconciles the implications of the unprecedented rate of technological advancement in conjunction with the DoD's halting shift away from a Cold War-era acquisition mindset as we enter the middle of the so-called "Decisive Decade."

How can we build a defense eco-system that *ensures that we win?*

HOSTED BY:

FRIDAY, MARCH 1:

**Evening Fireside Chat	Current State:** What's Working, What's Not, and the Way Forward
Networking Night

SATURDAY, MARCH 2:

**Sitting US Official	Policy, Contracting, and Keeping Pace With Technology**
**Business Leader Panel	Winning Contracts and Mending the Washington – Silicon Valley Rift**
Cyber Frontiers: Defining the Next Era of National Security
Information Warfare: Disinformation, Deception, and the Future Impact of Generative AI
Tech for Medical Readiness and Biochemical Defense in Pursuit of Global Security
Autonomous Systems: Human-Machine Team or User Burden?
Recruiting & Retention: How Do We Win the War for Talent?
Space: Securing the Ultimate High Ground
Industrial Competition: Single-use Tech, Critical Materials, and Advanced Manufacturing
Innovation Showcase: Workshops for Breaking into the Defense Industry
**Allied Leader	Allied and Partner Defense Collaboration**
**Defense Investing Panel	Looking Ahead:** What's Working, What's Not, and the Way Forward
**Strategic Thinker	Crisis-driven Innovation vs. Proactive Modernization**
Networking Night