A voice for Soldiers in the enhancement of Army capabilities

SEP Submissions POC
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Over 40% of current Program Executive Office Soldier equipment began in the Soldier Enhancement Program

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SEP avoids excessive R&D costs by taking advantage of innovative approaches developed in the government and commercial market.

Established in 1990 to “evaluate, test and type classify existing prototypes or commercially available items and to NOT fund lengthy developmental programs or to procure large numbers of major items for use.”

- Pursues “lighter, more lethal weapons and munitions for individual infantryman and improved equipment”
- SEP uses a Buy, Try, and Decide methodology
- Semi-annual Council (MAR and SEP)
- Anyone can submit at: http://peosoldier.army.mil/SEP

Ideal submissions are Government-Off-The-Shelf (GOTS), Commercial-Off-The-Shelf (COTS), or Non-Developmental Items (NDI) which:

- Improve Soldiers’ ability to execute their combat mission
- Improve current Program of Record products
- Assist in the refinement and/or generation of requirements
- Meets a capability gap identified by Soldiers
- Improves Soldier interface with combat platforms
- Have the potential to lead to a new Program of Record

Low Risk: Small-scale Soldier evaluation; can be initiated before or during Research and Development or Procurement phases

Low Cost: Significant savings over traditional acquisitions cycle; these products are already commercially available

High Pay Off: Informs Requirement and Program Management Offices with operational user feedback:

- Expedites refinement/generation of requirements and streamlines Acquisition timelines to improve existing products
- Reduces Research & Development (R&D) cost

SEP supports multiple approved initiatives annually:
- 25 initiatives in FY12
- 11 initiatives in FY13
- 45 initiatives in FY14
- 39 initiatives in FY15

Anyone can propose an item to Soldier Enhancement Program.

Instructions for submission:
Go to PEO Soldier web site: peosoldier.army.mil

Use the SEP menu button at the top of webpage or SEP “Bumper sticker” at bottom of webpage and click on the SEP tab. Read the SEP guidelines, and fill out the SEP submission form. The entire process can be done in less than 5 minutes. You will get a personal response to either inform you of submission acceptance, or ask for more information.