

# AY 2020-2021 PROSPECTIVE RESEARCH TOPIC NOMINATION

<b>CLASSIFICATION:</b>	<b>UNCLASSIFIED</b>
<b>*RESEARCH TOPIC TITLE:</b>	The Role of US Special Operations Forces (USSOF) in Homeland Defense (HD)
<b>*TOPIC DESCRIPTION:</b>	How can USSOF leverage its unique capabilities, access, placement, relationships, and experiences to support the #1 National Security priority - Homeland Defense?
<b>*DESIRED OBJECTIVES:</b>	Recommended Operations, Activities, and Investments (OAIs) for USSOF to support HD
<b>EXTENDED TOPIC DESCRIPTION :</b>	The current security environment consists of increased competition with great powers, regional rogue states, and the persistent threat of violent extremist organizations (VEO). While USSOF has been principally focused on countering VEOs abroad, Homeland Defense remains the number one priority in the NSS and NDS. How can USSOF leverage its unique capabilities and global network to support the Homeland Defense mission? Specifically, what OAIs can USSOF conduct to detect, disrupt, deter, prevent, and defeat threats to the Homeland in support of US Northern Command?
<b>* REQUESTING/SPONSORING ORGANIZATION:</b>	US Special Operations Command North (SOCNORTH)J55
<b>*SUBMISSION DATE:</b>	4 August 2020
<b>DESIRED COMPLETION DATE:</b>	31 May 2021
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<b>COMMENTS:</b>	Please contact POC for guidance and suggestions in conducting research, to include support arranging interviews with personnel at SOCNORTH, USNORTHCOM, or USSOCOM.

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