



SOFF
Swedish Security & Defence
Industry Association

Foreign Comparative Testing

Stockholm 29th September 2017

Venue: Teknikföretagen, Storgatan 5, Stockholm

PROGRAM

- 08:30** **Registration, coffee and setup of exhibition**
- 09:30** **Welcome remarks**
Mr. Robert Limmergård, Secretary General, Swedish Security and Defence Industry
- 09:40** **CTO Overview**
Col. Sean Bradley, Director, Comparative Testing Office
- 10:10** **Swedish Security and Defence Industry Capabilities**
Mr. Niklas Alm, Deputy Secretary General, SOFF
- 10:30** **Defence Trade Supporting Organizations**
*Mr. Ola Alfredsson, Embassy of Sweden, Washington DC,
Office of Defense Industry Cooperation*
- 10:50** **Break, Coffee**
- 10:50** **Mini Exhibition opens**
Swedish industry will provide basic table top displays allowing for interaction/exchange with CTO
- 12:00** **Lunch in the exhibition area. The industry/FCT exchange will continue.**
- 14:30** **Adjourn**



Foreign Comparative Testing (FCT) Program

The mission of the Foreign Comparative Testing Program is to test items and technologies of our foreign allies and friends that have a high Technology Readiness Level (TRL) in order to satisfy valid defense requirements more quickly and economically. In fulfilling this mission, FCT continues to be a uniquely successful acquisition tool from a U.S. Government-to-Foreign Industry standpoint. Since 1980, the FCT Program has helped to foster the two-way street in defense spending between the U.S. and its Allies through the procurement of more than \$5 billion in foreign items. At the same time, the program has reaped substantial savings by avoiding research and development costs, lowering procurement costs, reducing risk for major acquisition programs, and accelerating the fielding of equipment critical to the readiness and safety of U.S. operating forces. While the aim of the FCT Program is to improve the U.S. Armed Forces' operational performance, this leveraging of foreign research and development has benefited the U.S. taxpayer. Additionally, the FCT Program has served as a catalyst for industry teaming arrangements, which have been productive for both U.S. and foreign industries in an increasingly competitive global market, helping to build a robust U.S. defense industrial base.

Within the FCT Program, foreign items are nominated by a sponsoring organization within the Department of Defense for testing in order to determine whether the items satisfy U.S. military requirements or address mission area shortcomings. The OSD Comparative Technology Office funds testing and evaluation; the Services fund all procurements that result from a successful test.

The FCT Program's objectives are to improve the U.S. warfighter's capabilities and reduce expenditures through:

1. Rapidly fielding quality military equipment
2. Eliminating unnecessary duplication of research, development, test, and evaluation
3. Reducing life cycle or procurement costs
4. Enhancing standardization and interoperability
5. Promoting competition by qualifying alternative sources
6. Improving the U.S. military industrial base

US Delegation

Comparative Testing Office

Col Sean Bradley, CTO Director
Mr. Mark Morgan, CTO Team Leader
Mr. William "Randy" Everett, US Army
Mr. Steve Duong, US Navy/USMC
Mr. William "Bill" Reed, US Air Force
Mr. Sean Hilber, USSOCOM