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Supporting Untapped Innovators: Breaking Down Barriers to Entry

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DARPAConnect is designed to broaden DARPA's reach and stimulate **growth and collaboration** between DARPA, businesses, and academia.



Regional and
Virtual Events



Networking
Opportunities



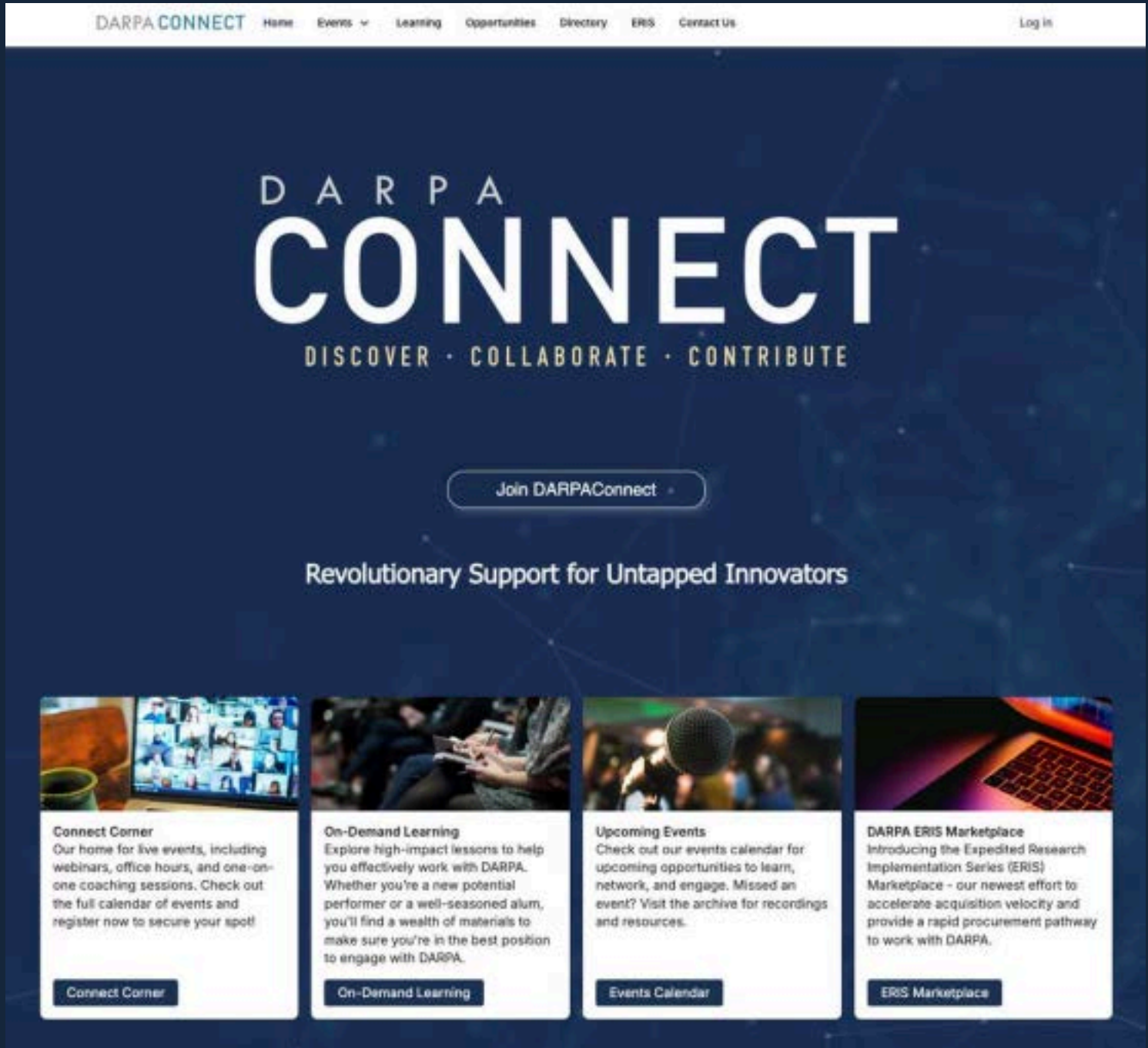
Training and
Development



Customized
Support and
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Regional Pop-Up Events

Deep Dive into DARPA

These full-day events cover a breadth of topics key to working with DARPA. Hear directly from a speaker list packed with DARPA program managers, leadership, and staff on hand to give you insider insights.

Sessions Include:

- Engaging DARPA Program Managers
- Heilmeier Catechism: Understanding Effective DARPA Communication
- Understanding DARPA Announcements and Contract Vehicles
- Reviewing and Analyzing a DARPA Opportunity
- DARPA SBIR and STTR Program
- Understanding DARPA Security Resources
- Preparing Your DARPA Proposal
- Tying It All Together: Strategies for Success

DARPAConnect 2026 Pop-Up Events

 St. Louis, MO February 2026	 Virtual July 2026	 Portland, Maine September 2026
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NEW: Mission Connect Events

Bringing DARPA's Vision to Life

Introducing new, technology-integrated Mission Connect pop-up events designed to showcase DARPA interests and priorities.

Sessions Include:

- Specific insights from DARPA's technological leadership, including office leaders, staff, and a robust cohort of program managers
- Technology-focused deep dives, expert panels, demos, and showcases
- Extensive one-on-one networking and feedback opportunities

DARPAConnect 2026 Mission Connect Events

Ann Arbor, MI

May 2026

Colorado Springs, CO

November 2026



Customized Curriculum

Current Lessons Include:

- DARPA101: Introduction to DARPA
- The Heilmeier Catechism
- DARPA Award Vehicles and Solicitations
- Understanding DARPA Broad Agency Announcements (BAAs)
- Making the Most of a DARPA Proposers Day
- Introduction to DARPA Security
- DARPA SBIR/STTR Small Business Programs
- Tips for DARPA Proposal Success
- Opportunities to Work with DARPA
- Working with DARPA: Global Participation and Engagements
- And more!

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Understanding DARPA Broad Agency Announcements (BAAs)

50% COMPLETE

Overview

Understanding BAAs

Office-Wide BAAs

Program-Specific BAAs

Evaluation Process and Resources for Responding to BAAs

Conclusion

Program-Specific BAAs

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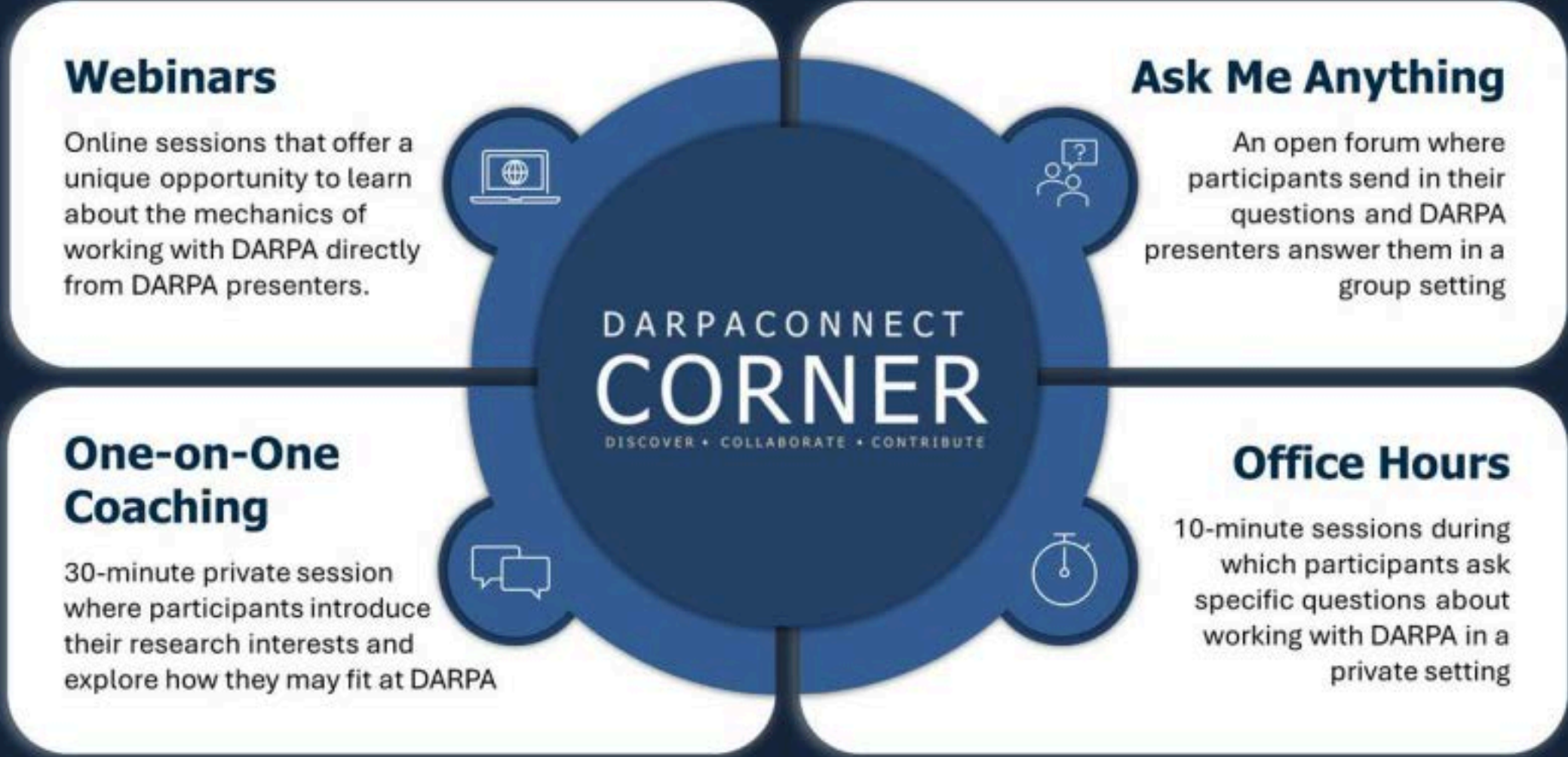
Overview

DARPA's Program-Specific BAAs are designed to solicit ideas that are tied to a specific area of interest. These solicitations are issued throughout the year as program managers develop new program ideas. This section will introduce you to the path through which a program is created, a sample program-specific BAA, and the average timeline to award.

The Path from Idea to Program

It is important to understand the DARPA path from an idea to a program. PMs welcome the opportunity during early ideation to learn from potential performers about problems and solutions of interest, as outlined in the interactive graphic below. In fact, many DARPA programs are initially sparked by conversations with potential performers.

Connect Corner





open mic
WITH DARPA

DARPA’s new monthly 30-minute quick-hit session that brings you the latest from DARPA’s tech offices— key announcements, funding opportunities, upcoming events, and more.

Customized Support For Your DARPA Journey

AVAILABLE THROUGH [DARPACONNECT.US](https://darpaconnect.us)



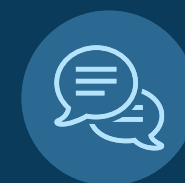
NAVIGATE THE DARPA ENTERPRISE

We offer a one-stop-shop to navigate the changes and opportunities at DARPA



ENGAGE PROGRAM MANAGERS

Identify and engage PMs whose research interests align with your research



SPEAK THE HEILMEIER

Frame your ideas using DARPA's Heilmeier Catechism

NOT FOR QUESTIONS SPECIFIC TO AN OPEN BAA.



Thank You.

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