



BACKGROUND

AFVentures currently offers Open Topic and Specific Topic opportunities following the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) three cycle solicitation schedule. Within this schedule, the Open Topic offers a technology-agnostic opportunity that no longer prescribes the solution sets the Department of the Air Force (DAF) is looking for. The Open Topic allows industry to tell the DAF what they are working on, what their research and development is working to achieve, and showcase dual-use, commercial products that could be adapted for Department of Defense use cases. Previously, both the Open and Specific Topic followed the OSD solicitation cycles.

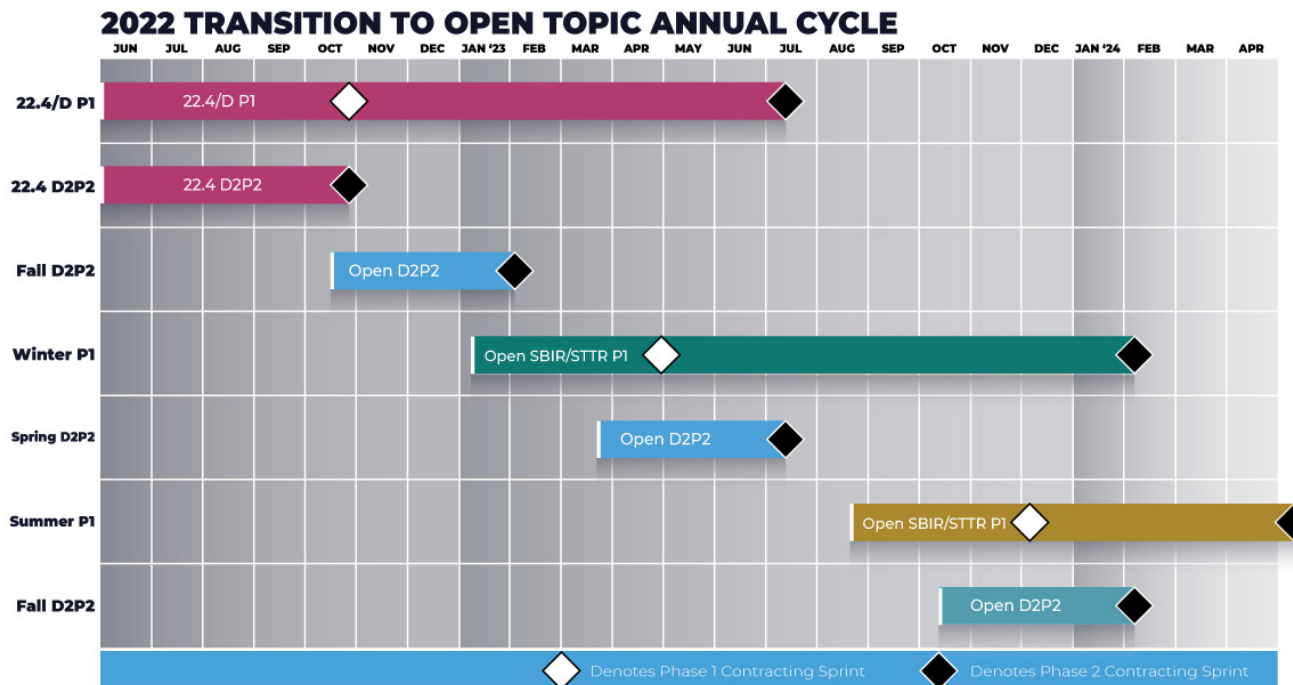
Moving forward, the Open Topic will be moving to an out-of-cycle solicitation schedule offering Phase 1 and Direct to Phase 2 (D2P2) Open Topic opportunities twice a year. The AFVentures Specific Topic will continue to participate in the OSD cycles.

MOTIVATIONS FOR CHANGE

- Will allow for contracting execution with rapid timelines to award.
- Will provide industry and government with a consistent, repeatable, and predictable timeline to rely on.

CONSISTENT, REPEATABLE ANNUAL CYCLE

Outlined below is the Open Topic solicitation schedule for the remainder of 2022 and moving forward into 2023.



*Dates are subject to change.