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# Innovation Task Force Fly By

## Hello!

Welcome back to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Innovation Task Force (ITF) newsletter. Have you ever wondered how your priorities align with ITF priorities? Or what innovation means to TSA? Our quarterly newsletter serves as a resource to learn more about recent happenings and important information. We'll provide you with the updates you need for future solicitations and collaboration opportunities.

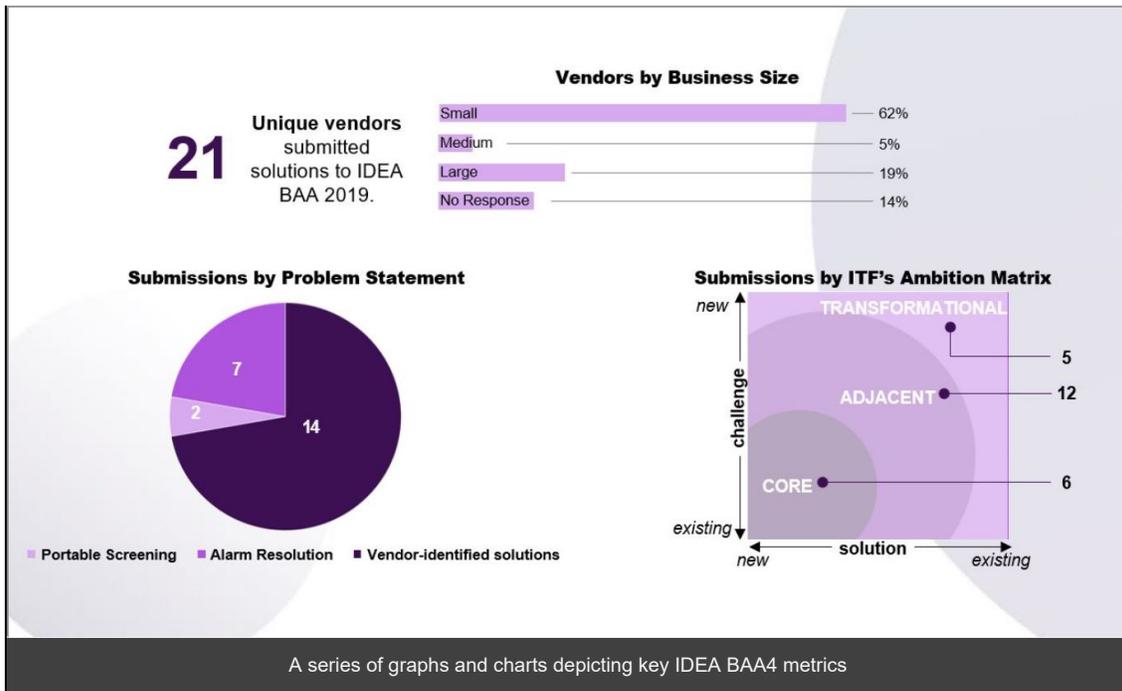
Over the last quarter, ITF welcomed Matt Gilkeson to the role of Acting Division Director and wished former ITF Division Director, Mara Winn, well as she begins her next journey at USCIS. ITF has been busy pushing the boundaries of innovation in the last few months. Read about some of our biggest accomplishments below!

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### IDENTIFYING INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS

## IDEA Targeted BAA Selected Solutions





### Submissions galore

ITF received 23 total submissions from 21 unique vendors in response to the fourth Broad Agency Announcement. Nearly two-thirds of solution submissions came from small businesses. Vendors submitted diverse solutions to two targeted problem statements:

- How can TSA conduct primary screening of employees and passengers across various areas in the airport environment using portable solutions?
- How can TSA, while conducting on-person, accessible property, and checked baggage screening, perform alarm resolution via secondary screening without the need to physically pat-down passengers or directly collect a trace/particulate sample of the alarmed item/substance?

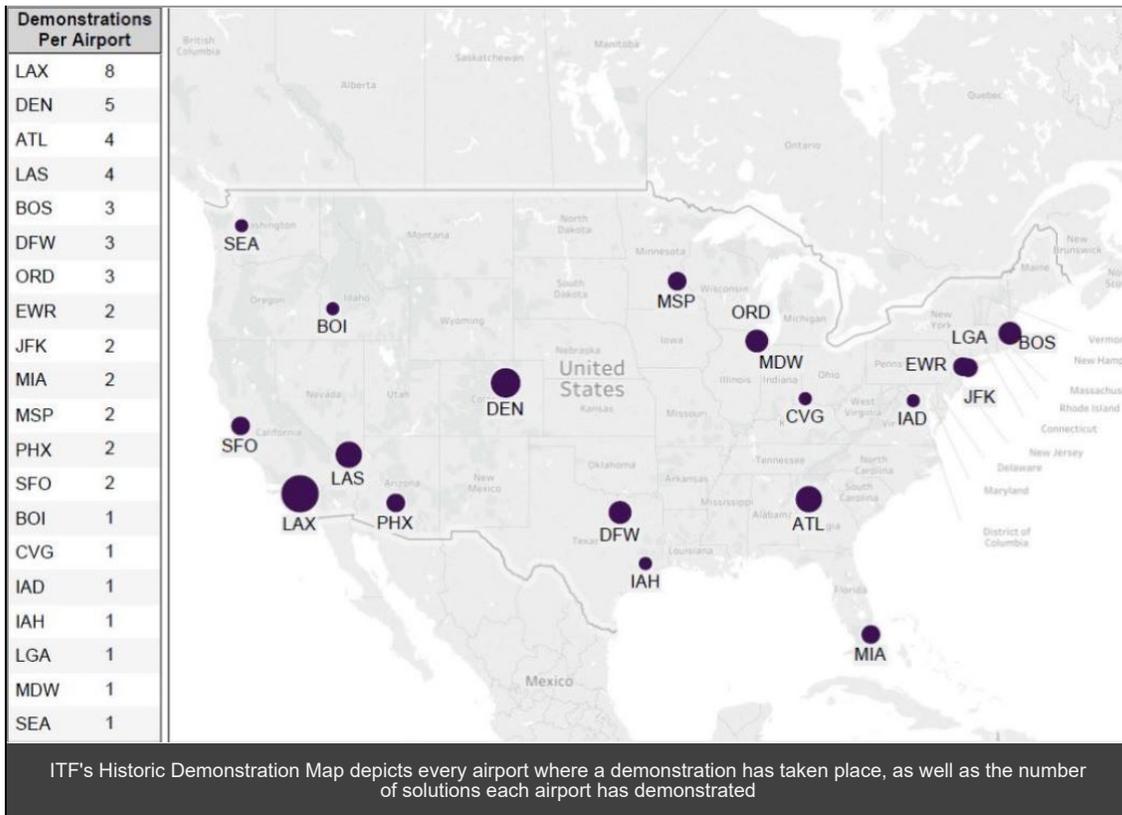
### What's next?

Technologies were submitted from three countries and more than 10 states, and ultimately four were selected for demonstration. Of the four selected, two are aimed at improving TSA training and development, one for alarm resolution, and one for counter-unmanned aircraft systems (counter-UAS). The Innovation Task Force is eager to begin the planning and preparation process alongside each vendor. Over the coming months, select airport innovation sites across the country will host ITF demonstrations in live-airport environments.

### WHERE WE'VE BEEN

## Historic ITF Demonstration Map





### Our demonstration footprint

ITF has demonstrated solutions in 20 airports across the continental U.S., from Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) to Boston Logan International Airport (BOS). Many of these airports are Innovation Sites: designated airports with a relationship with ITF that have the appropriate infrastructure, responsiveness, staffing, and data collection capabilities to successfully demonstrate technologies. For every ITF demonstration, sites are selected after careful consideration of a variety of qualitative and quantitative factors.

DO YOU HAVE THE NEXT BIG IDEA?

## ITF Launches Targeted Broad Agency Announcement 2020





### **The IDEA BAA 2020**

The Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Innovation Task Force (ITF) is pleased to announce the release of our most recent Broad Agency Announcement (BAA), the Innovative Demonstrations for Enterprise Advancement (IDEA) Targeted BAA 2020. Please click [here](#) for the link to the formal posting.

The IDEA BAA seeks to identify people, process, and technology solutions for demonstration in live field environments in order to address specific TSA challenges. TSA is interested in solutions that address problem statements in the following categories:

- Safe-Distance Screening
- System Integration for Dynamic Screening
- Vendor Identified
- *Information Request Only*: Staff Screening

In order to participate, vendors should submit a white paper (as either a traditional paper, slide deck, or video with transcript) to [IDEA@tsa.dhs.gov](mailto:IDEA@tsa.dhs.gov). Additional requirements can be found in the formal posting on the Federal System for Award Management, Sam.Gov, [here](#).

**Submissions are due no later than 11:59 p.m. EST Monday, August 31, 2020.**

Please contact ITF at [IDEA@tsa.dhs.gov](mailto:IDEA@tsa.dhs.gov) with any questions. We look forward to reading your submissions!

### **BAA Industry Day**

Keep your eye out for future communications with additional information about the upcoming BAA Industry Day on Thursday, August 6, 2020, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. EST. This will be an opportunity to learn more about ITF and the requirements for the IDEA Targeted BAA 2020. The content will be presented through a

YouTube livestream, which can be accessed through the Virtual Industry Day 2020 link provided in the beta.SAM.gov posting. There will also be an opportunity for attendees to submit questions virtually prior to the event and/or in live time.

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