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## In the Community: Uniting to Fight the Global Water Crisis

Liv Blackmon has a new appreciation for water as a key to community health. Learning that access to clean water opens educational opportunities to girls and helps infants thrive inspired Blackmon to take action—virtually. She moved others to join her.

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## MITRE Maps the Route from Idea to DoD Game-Changer

The Department of Defense is looking to startups, small businesses, and nontraditional vendors to improve agility and innovation. MITRE has created a resource to help these newcomers navigate the complex defense acquisition process.

The term “military contractor” calls to mind sprawling and powerful corporations with legacies of ship building, bomber design, and weapons system development. Small companies with big ideas often face a daunting task getting their foot in the door.

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## Building Your Cadre of Mentors

Finding a good mentor is like getting a personalized self-help book, one that is full of insightful questions and practical guidance tailored to you. A traditional mentor focuses on guiding your personal growth. However, you can receive a wide array of guidance from a variety of perspectives when you work together with someone, so let's expand our vocabulary a bit and use the word Collaborators as a more general term.

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## Events

### Big Waves in Bluetech: Blue Swarms

Join our partners from SeaAhead on Thursday May 7th as they take a deep dive with three emerging bluetech companies to explore how advances in AUVs, computers, and swarm vision, AI, and analytics may change humanity's interface under the ocean.

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