

**Guidance for Submission of Navy Warfighting Concepts.** Proposed concepts should be submitted to NWDC at [USFF\\_NRFK\\_NWDC\\_CONCEPTS@NAVY.MIL](mailto:USFF_NRFK_NWDC_CONCEPTS@NAVY.MIL) . NWDC will work with the submitter to develop the information required for initial assessment. The information needed proposal assessment information includes:

- Purpose of the proposed concept
- Military capability gap, problem, or opportunity being addressed
- Background information
- Proposed solution
- Point of contact for the submission (name/email/phone number)

NWDC will identify a point of contact to work with the originator to develop the required information for assessment of the proposal. If the initial assessment finds the proposal has potential for concept development, a concept white paper will be developed to formally propose the concept for generation and development.

**Concept Review Criteria.** The criteria use to evaluate of a proposed concept are:

- Is the idea at, or directly affect the strategic or operational level of war?
- Does it provide a strategic or operational advantage?
- Does it solve a military problem or avail an opportunity?
- Does it apply across a range of scenarios or address a single critical scenario?
- Is the idea consistent with long-term strategic guidance?
- Is the idea technically and financially feasible?
- For Fleet-driven action:
  - Does the proposal align with documented fleet gaps or priorities?
  - Can proposed capabilities be fielded within the 3-5 year fleet time horizon of interest? (Note: To rapidly meet fleet needs, fleet concept efforts will be primarily focused on non-materiel capability solutions).

**Course of Action determination.** Upon completion of the review of a concept proposal, NWDC will determine one of the following courses of action:

- Designate as a candidate for the Navy Concept Generation and Concept
- Development (CGCD) Program and submit to Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command and Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet.
- Submit candidate concept to an appropriate organization to pursue further development because it does not meet the criteria for the CGCD Program but presents an innovative idea worth pursuing.
- Incorporate the proposed concept into an existing concept.
- Incorporate the proposed concept into a fleet concept of operations or Navy doctrine.
- Archive the proposal because it is not feasible, not of sufficient value to pursue, or not actionable at the current time. Archived proposals may be developed at a later time if additional resources become available and/or changes in the operational or technological environment suggest greater feasibility or value added.

The concept white papers for those proposals which are believed to warrant generation of a full concept paper will be forwarded to Commander, United States Fleet Forces Command and Commander, United States Pacific Fleet for approval.

The originators of the concept proposals will be provided feedback on the disposition.