

2026 DOW Maintenance Symposium Industry Day: Regional Sustainment Framework Expansion (USSOUTHCOM)

SPECIAL NOTICE

Join us at the 2026 Department of War (DoW) Maintenance Symposium for exclusive one-on-one Industry Day sessions with DOW leaders, focusing on the expansion of the Regional Sustainment Framework (RSF) implementation into the United States Southern Command (USSOUTHCOM) and United States Pacific Command (USPACOM) – specifically South East (SE) Asia theaters.

Industry Day at the 2026 DOW Maintenance Symposium

The Office of the Assistant Secretary of War for Sustainment is excited to announce focused one-on-one Industry Day sessions with industry scheduled for December 8–11, 2026, in conjunction with the annual DOW Maintenance Symposium in Fort Lauderdale, FL. These sessions will provide industry with the opportunity to discuss the Department's expansion of the RSF into the USSOUTHCOM and USPACOM (SE Asia) theater. The RSF aims to bring sustainment for military weapon systems closer to where they are needed.

DOW RSF

In May 2024, the DOW introduced the RSF to enhance regional sustainment processes. This initiative aligns with both the 2026 Interim National Defense Strategic Guidance and the National Defense Industrial Strategy. The RSF aims to develop distributed regional co-sustainment capabilities closer to where they are needed by collaborating with allies, partners, and the U.S. and international defense industrial bases to support the Joint and Combined Force more effectively. RSF is crucial for operations in contested environments where traditional methods of retrograding materials for repair and maintenance are becoming less feasible.

Event Details

Event	2026 DOW Maintenance Symposium – Industry Day
Dates	December 8–11, 2026
Location	Fort Lauderdale, FL
Focus	RSF Implementation in USSOUTHCOM, USPACOM (SE Asia)

🎯 Primary Goals for RSF

- **Prevail in a Contested Logistics Environment:** Optimize and align weapon system product support strategies to establish a viable distributed co-sustainment ecosystem.
- **Enhance Military Readiness:** Collaborate with the defense industrial base and allies and partners to build regionally focused sustainment strategies that increase readiness and deter aggression.
- **Strengthen Regional Partnerships:** Develop co-sustainment strategies promoting joint/allied regional capability and capacity to expand repair network across warfighting domains.

🔗 *Additional details regarding RSF are available*

at: <https://www.acq.osd.mil/asds/docs/RSF-9MAY24.pdf>

🎯 Regional Focused Objectives

- **SOUTHCOM:** In alignment with the Department's Regional Sustainment Framework (RSF) and the projected Fiscal Year 2026 integration for the U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) Area of Responsibility (AOR), the Government is seeking strategies to establish a resilient, distributed co-sustainment network along the Pacific-facing theater of the AOR. The primary objective is to leverage the existing industrial bases, commercial logistics infrastructure, and maritime facilities of highly receptive partner nations. By integrating these localized Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) nodes, the Department intends to sustain common weapon systems, tactical aviation, and maritime platforms directly within the theater. This forward-postured approach is designed to mitigate contested logistics challenges, ensure rapid readiness regeneration, and significantly reduce the need for long-distance equipment retrograde to the continental United States (CONUS).
- **PACOM:** Build a resilient defense ecosystem in the Indo-Pacific by aligning regional strategies with allies, partners, and the Defense Industrial Base to ensure readiness and lethality support in contested logistics.

⚠️ Advisory Statement

This is not a solicitation. Announcements are intended to gather insights and inform the industry without any commitment to current or future contracts. This notice does not bind the Department to any contractual obligations. Participation is voluntary and any costs incurred for participation are the responsibility of the participants. For further inquiries, please contact the designated points of contact listed below.

Registration Description

A. Companies interested in discussing the expansion of RSF into USSOUTHCOM and/or USPACOM (SE Asia) during the Industry Day can schedule one-on-one sessions with government representatives at the 2026 DOW Maintenance Symposium. These sessions will allow for in-depth exploration of regional sustainment and maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO)-related solutions, beyond what can be presented in an open setting or conference.

B. Companies wishing to participate in the one-on-one sessions on Industry Day should send their request packet to osd.pentagon.ousd-a-s.mbx.rid@mail.mil by 13 November 2026. The packet should include the following:

1. Company name and names of attending representatives (up to three employees per company).
2. A designated company point of contact, including phone number and email address.
3. A concise overview of your company's expertise and Sustainment history with military weapon systems. Preference to packets that highlight MRO, storage, distribution, and commodity support expertise and history.
4. For companies present in, or interested in engaging in, the USSOUTHCOM region, the packet should address how your company's solutions specifically cater to regional MRO for military weapon systems, including, but not limited to:
 - How your company aligns its capabilities with the vision of the RSF and your recommendations on how your company can further enhance regional sustainment strategies.
 - Current barriers preventing your company from entering or expanding MRO activities in the USSOUTHCOM and/or USPACOM (SE Asia) region.
 - Which, if any, incentives or assurances should be considered to encourage investment in regional MRO activities.
 - Co-sustainment opportunities your company can provide for U.S. and allied partners.
5. Request packets must be limited to a maximum of three pages.

C. The Department will review all submissions received by 13 November 2026 and notify companies of their session date and time within the symposium schedule. Due to potential scheduling limitations, not all companies may secure a session. If a session cannot be scheduled during the symposium, the Department will provide information on how to arrange a one-on-one session later.

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