

## **MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD**

### **Defense Innovation Board (DIB) Information Session**

**Monday, 12 February 2024 12:00pm-1:00pm EDT**

#### **Virtual Meeting**

**External Participants:** Robert Leach, Innovation Chief on the Army Research Lab's Catalyst-Pathfinder program, Civil Military Innovation Institute.

**DIB Staff:** Zackariah Crahen, Dr. Juan Merizalde

**Purpose:** Information gathering session to guide the DIB report.

#### **Meeting Summary:**

On 12 February 2024, DIB Staff members had a virtual meeting with Robert Leach from the Civil Military Innovation Institute. During the call, Robert Leach discussed ways that Special Forces, in partnership with the Catalyst Pathfinder program facilitates soldier-driven solutions. The conversation also focused on nodes that may impede innovation and/or implementation.

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