



**Save the People.
Free the Land.**

Key Connections

Resource Guide to Potential Partners, Funders, and Allies

Many organizations are working on Explosive Remnants of War (ERW), Unexploded Ordnance (UXO), and landmine clearance. GoVentures seeks to establish two-way communication with such organizations to inform and support SSOLAS development, funding, and deployment. The following list is organized by category and includes a brief description and web link for each.

If you have connections within any of these organizations, an introduction would be welcomed. Please contact us at team-ssolas@goventures.biz

Mine Action

[HALO Trust](#)

The world's largest humanitarian landmine clearance organization, operating in 30+ countries. Primary SSOLAS contact: Director of Transformation and Head of R&D.

[Mines Advisory Group \(MAG\)](#)

Major international NGO specializing in landmine and UXO clearance in post-conflict areas. Operations in Africa, Asia, Middle East, and Latin America.

[Norwegian People's Aid \(NPA\)](#)

One of the largest demining organizations globally, with strong technical survey and clearance programs. Active in Ukraine.

[UNMAS — UN Mine Action Service](#)

Leads and coordinates UN mine action activities worldwide. Manages programs in conflict and post-conflict countries.

[Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining \(GICHD\)](#)

The leading international authority on mine action standards, research, and policy. Administers International Mine Action Standards (IMAS).

[Danish Demining Group \(DDG\)](#)

Humanitarian demining and armed violence reduction organization operating in Africa, Middle East, and Asia.

[Humanity & Inclusion \(Handicap International\)](#)

International NGO with strong mine action and victim assistance programs. Nobel Peace Prize co-laureate.

[Swiss Foundation for Mine Action \(FSD\)](#)

Specializes in mine action, including survey, clearance, and risk education programs in post-conflict regions.

UN and International Bodies

[ICRC — International Committee of the Red Cross](#)

Leads international humanitarian law and coordinates mine action response in conflict zones. Extensive field presence.

[UNDP — UN Development Programme](#)

Funds mine action and post-conflict recovery programs. Key funder for national demining programs.

[UNICEF](#)

Leads mine risk education programs and child casualty response. Strong alignment with SSOLAS humanitarian mission.

[OCHA — UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs](#)

Coordinates humanitarian response including mine action in conflict areas.

UN Peacekeeping

Conducts and supports mine action in peacekeeping mission areas. Source of SSOLAS home page photo (UNMAS/South Sudan).

U.S. Government

U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC)

Primary target for BAA W912HZ26S0001. GoVentures is pursuing topic areas EL-1 and GSL-11 with teaming partners Rowan University DEHub and Nextage LLC.

Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement (WRA) — U.S. State Department

Funds conventional weapons destruction programs globally. Publishes 'To Walk the Earth in Safety' annual report. Primary U.S. government funder of humanitarian demining.

Bureau of Political-Military Affairs — U.S. State Department

As of 2025, the State Department oversees U.S. foreign assistance following the dissolution of USAID. The Bureau coordinates conventional weapons destruction funding globally.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Manages Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) cleanup program. Over 1,700 sites with \$10.2B estimated cleanup cost.

Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA)

DoD agency focused on countering weapons of mass destruction and explosive threats. Funds detection technology R&D.

Defense Innovation Unit (DIU)

DoD bridge between commercial technology and military application. Funds dual-use technology through Commercial Solutions Openings.

AFWERX

Air Force innovation arm. SBIR/STTR programs for dual-use technology, including Open Topic and STRATFI/TACFI tracks. Previously evaluated for SSOLAS.

Ukraine-Specific

HALO Trust Ukraine

HALO's dedicated Ukraine program, one of the largest demining operations in the world given the scale of contamination — estimated at 43 million acres.

Ukrainian Deminers Association

National body coordinating demining organizations and personnel operating in Ukraine.

SESU — State Emergency Service of Ukraine

Ukrainian government body leading national demining and ERW clearance operations.

Mine Action Ukraine

Coordination body for mine action organizations operating in Ukraine. Key entry point for operational partnerships.

Research and Standards

Center for International Stabilization and Recovery (CISR) — James Madison University

Publisher of the Journal of Conventional Weapons Destruction, the leading peer-reviewed publication in humanitarian mine action since 1997. Production is currently suspended following termination of U.S. federal funding. Back issues remain available and citable on JMU Scholarly Commons. CISR is actively seeking \$300,000 in sponsoring partners to resume publication. If the Journal resumes, a submission of SSOLAS field results would reach readers in 200 countries. Contact: cisr.journal@gmail.com

Cranfield University

UK defense and security research university. Authors of 'The Detection Problem: An Eight-Decade Challenge,' cited on SSOLAS website.

NATO

Mine action standards and programs across member states. Relevant to Ukraine and other NATO-adjacent contaminated territories.

Investors and Impact Funders

In-Q-Tel

CIA-affiliated venture capital firm investing in dual-use technology with national security applications. Strong fit for SSOLAS sensor and AI capabilities.

NATO Innovation Fund

Multi-sovereign venture capital fund investing in deep tech startups with dual-use potential across NATO member states.

Draper Richards Kaplan Foundation

Impact investor focused on early-stage social entrepreneurs. Relevant given SSOLAS humanitarian mission.

Skoll Foundation

Major funder of social entrepreneurs addressing global challenges. Mine action and conflict recovery alignment.

Detection Equipment Industry — Potential Partners and Licensees

Chemring

UK-based defense technology company with significant detection equipment portfolio. Potential licensing or acquisition target.

L3Harris Technologies

Major U.S. defense electronics company with sensor systems relevant to SSOLAS platform integration.

Teledyne FLIR

Sensor systems company with detection and imaging technology across defense and security markets.

Minelab

Leading manufacturer of metal detection equipment for humanitarian demining. Potential partner for SSOLAS sensor integration.

Humanitas Solutions

Humanitarian demining technology company. Potential partner for SSOLAS platform integration and field deployment.

Professional Societies

Environmental and Engineering Geophysical Society (EEGS)

Focused specifically on near-surface geophysics applications including subsurface detection. The most directly relevant technical community for SSOLAS sensing. A conference presentation of the Gorin et al. field results would generate visibility and potential contributors.

Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG)

Largest geophysics professional society globally. Strong seismic sensing focus. Near-Surface Geophysics section is the most relevant.

National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA)

Primary professional society for defense industry and acquisition community. Directly relevant to ERDC BAA pursuit and future DoD program development.

Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI)

UAV and UGV focus directly relevant to SSOLAS uncrewed deployment platform. The automated deployment differentiator is a strong presentation angle for this audience.

American Geophysical Union (AGU)

Broad earth and space science membership. Strong seismic and subsurface research community. Larger than EEGS and more academic in orientation.

European Association of Geoscientists and Engineers (EAGE)

European counterpart to SEG. Strong near-surface geophysics section. Relevant for international visibility and European mine action community engagement.

IEEE Robotics and Automation Society

Largest robotics professional society. Relevant for SSOLAS autonomous deployment and data acquisition systems.

Geo-Institute — American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)

Geotechnical engineering and subsurface applications focus. Relevant for SSOLAS infrastructure inspection and construction market applications.

Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA)

Defense technology and C4ISR focus. Relevant for DoD program development and defense industry partnerships.

SPIE — International Society for Optics and Photonics

Broad sensor technology coverage including detection systems. Relevant for SSOLAS sensor development and signal processing work.