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Are you an <u>Arthur C. Clark</u> in training? Was the proliferation of the smartphone a "<u>well, duh</u>" moment for you? Then **the U.S. Army science and technology community needs your help** to envision the role of technology in the Future Operating Environment (FOE).

From 20-25 June we'll be running our latest futures game, sponsored by the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Research & Technology). Through this game, you can join fellow thought leaders in exploring how advances in science and technology might transform the world and the U.S. Army in the decades to come. You will be able to share your ideas about the future, "build" concepts for future technologies, collaborate to improve (and challenge!) concepts contributed by other players, and bid on your favorite concepts through an in-game marketplace.

At the end of the game, we'll rack and stack all of the ideas and concepts to identify the most thought-provoking, challenging, and inspiring submissions. From this foundation, our team of analysts, concept artists, and authors will do added analysis that will be used to inform Army and Defense Department leaders, guide wargames examining future capabilities, and shape over \$2 billion a year in S&T investments. Success depends on having a talented, diverse group of players who are eager to think differently about thorny issues at the intersection of science, technology, and defense. That's why your involvement is so important.

What's in it for you? Well, apart from the opportunity to challenge conventional thinking and influence how the Army thinks about the future, all players will receive access to a digital library of concept art inspired by the ideas and concepts generated during the game. Top players will also receive tickets to Hamilton a high-quality print piece that brings their best submissions to life through full-color graphics. How do you become a top player, you ask? By sharing as many of your ideas and concepts as you can!

You can learn more and register for the June game at any time by visiting http://futures.armyscitech.com.

We hope to see you in-game, and look forward to your contributions! Feel free to share this invitation with fellow creatives, technologists, and futurists who might be interested in playing.

Thank you,

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