

Innovative Development through Employee Awareness



AF IDEA Program

- **A mechanism to have ideas heard for improving processes**
 - **Allows for fair review of any ideas**
- **Benefits**
 - **The Air Force by doing things better, smarter, cheaper**
 - **Individual; approved ideas earn cash awards**
- **Evaluations**
 - **Subject Matter Evaluator**
- **Approved at lowest level able to make change decision**
 - **Approved ideas also elevated to highest level using the process**
- **Web-based submissions**

AF Portal Home Page has link to the IDEA Program Knowledge Now Community of Practice (COP) site:

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- IPDS Homepage
- AFI 38-401 AF IDEA Program
- AFI 36-2903 Uniform Reg -- Go to Chp 7
- AFI 65-601V1 Promo Items Go to Sec. 4L TO 00-5-1
- AF Pubs & Forms

RELATED SITES

- AFMA Homepage
- AF Best Practices
- Air Force Awards

QUESTIONNAIRE

- Policy & Training Questions

This is an Open CoP. There is no requirement to become a member to use the site. To submit an idea, just click "Here".

The goal for our CoP is to provide all Air Force employees additional information and useful tools concerning the AF IDEA Program. This information will benefit both users and managers of the program at all levels. We want to increase awareness and encourage participation in the program in order to meet our senior leadership's desires of becoming a more streamlined Air Force.

SUBMIT AN IDEA

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Governing Publication
AFI 38-401

NCO earns big through IDEA Program

Col (BG Select) Rowayne Schatz, 314 AW/CC, presents a \$10,000 certificate to TSgt Herman Sargent for his AFTO 22 technical order improvement. While troubleshooting high engine start temperatures, TSgt Sargent was able to avoid the needless replacement of the fuel control assembly by first replacing the fuel control compressor inlet temperature probe. This change to the technical order will save approximately \$30,500 per repair. Estimated savings for first year usage will be over \$91,000.

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IDEA Program Data System (IPDS)

- **Submitters and Evaluators**
 - **Create an account**
 - **Check the Idea Pool**
 - **Submit/Evaluate an Idea**
 - **Check the status of an Idea**
 - **Submit Uniform Change Request**
 - **Verify idea ineligibility criteria**
- **Unit Idea POC**
 - **Manages the unit program**
 - **Ensures actions are taken promptly**

Before Submitting an Idea

On EVERY Idea...the FIRST question to ask yourself is whether or not there is already a separate improvement process (SIP) in place for your Idea

You must use the separate process in place before submitting through the IDEA Program

Then can submit as an After-the-Fact Idea with confirmed approval from SIP

Evaluations

- Subject Matter Experts determine the validity and feasibility of adopting the Idea
 - Submit recommendations to the approving authority
- Determine any Tangible Savings
 - For example, Water Bill:
 - Old annual cost for water was \$1,000
 - New annual cost for water is \$500
 - Savings: \$500
 - Documentation will be last year's "bill" and documents that changed cost

AF Best Practices Website:

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Air Force Best Practice Clearinghouse is an Air Force-wide repository for superior methods or innovative practices that contribute to the improved performance of a process. It provides users with the capability to input a new best practice and search for existing best practices. In providing a searchable repository of best practices, the application facilitates efficient reuse of best practice information throughout the Air Force.

To search for AF Best Practices using the CoP's search functions, enter your "key word or phrase" in the search text dialog box located in the upper right part of this page. For more searching instructions: See Searching Guidance For AFBP's below.

AFBPC Operations in the CoP (An overview briefing) click [here](#).

Searching & Submitting
Searching All AFBP Records (Active)

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AF Best Practices Clearinghouse

- Purpose
 - Provides a knowledge sharing system and centralized repository for all approved and validated AF-wide Best Practices
 - For use by AF leadership at all levels to improve performance
 - For use as a tool in the manpower requirements process
 - Directly supports top-level leadership's agenda
- Process
 - Web-based program accessible at AFMA website through AF Portal
 - Users can easily submit and search for Best Practices
 - Program/System Managers can easily verify, validate, and correct submissions

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