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Wednesday, October 28, 2026 • National Landing, VA

Most dual-use founders spend a year chasing the investors who actually write checks in defense, space, and national resilience. FORGE puts them in one room for one day — and sends you out with capital, a platform, and a place to work.

\$115M+

RAISED AFTER FORGE
Across 28 rounds since March 2025

20

COMPANIES SELECTED TO ATTEND
Chosen by our VC peers, from 200+ applications

50+

TOP VCS IN THE ROOM
Investing in national resilience

WHAT SELECTED VENTURES GET

Beyond the room — a package built to move the company forward

CAPITAL

\$100K

Invested into one FORGE venture

One of the 20 companies selected for FORGE 2026 receives a \$100,000 investment, selected at Cape Fear's discretion following post-event diligence — plus a seat at the invitation-only Elevate CEO Retreat.

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WORKSPACE

3 MO

Office space in National Landing, VA

Three months of office space — one desk plus drop-in access for the team based on availability, minutes from the Pentagon and the agencies your customers sit in.

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AMPLIFICATION

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An episode on The Innovators & Investors Podcast, putting your story in front of the operators, investors, and program offices that follow this market.

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ASSET

A designed company one-pager

A professionally built one-pager you own and keep using — the asset every investor asks for after the meeting.

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WHO SHOULD APPLY

Dual-use and national resilience

Defense, space, security, energy, and the industrial base — technology the country depends on.

Pre-seed through Series A

Raising now or raising next, with something real in the field or in a customer's hands.

Ready for the room

Founders who can hold their own with 50+ investors and the government voices alongside them.

APPLY NOW

Put your company in the room

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis until all 20 places are filled.

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