

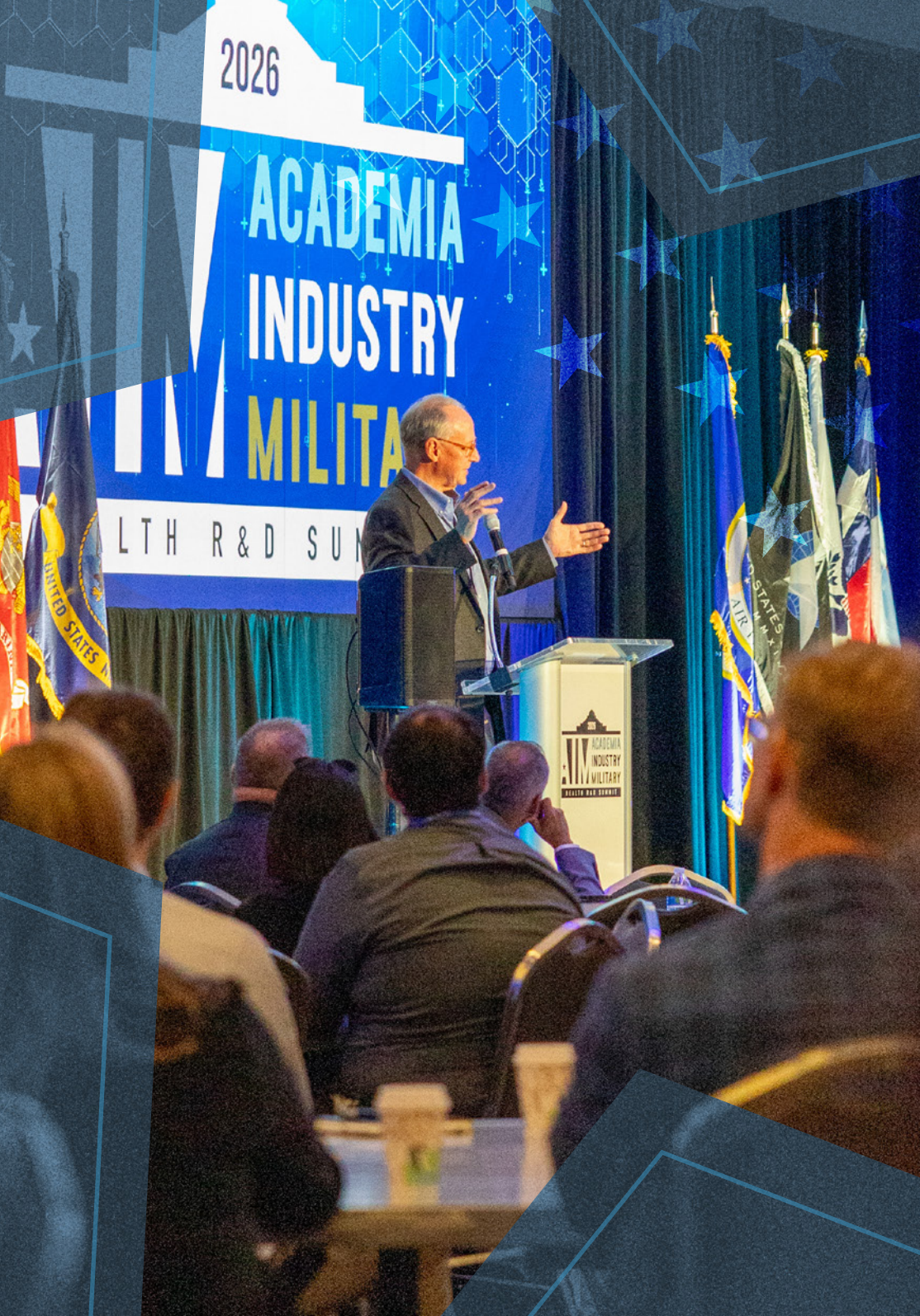


THE BRIDGE TO DUAL-USE INNOVATION



2026 Event Recap & Brand Evolution





EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AIM PROVED THE MODEL. BRDG EXPANDS IT.



Meaningful innovation happens when people with different expertise, resources, and missions have opportunities to collaborate.

For the past three years, the AIM Health R&D Summit has demonstrated what's possible when academia, industry, and the military come together around a shared mission to accelerate dual-use medical technologies from discovery to deployment.

Now the conference is evolving, with an expanded mission and a new name: BRDG Health Summit. BRDG will build on AIM's foundation while opening the aperture to include all areas of government and the full spectrum of research and development.

2026 SUMMIT SNAPSHOT

936
REGISTRANTS

27%
BUSINESS

40%
MILITARY /
GOVERNMENT

33%
RESEARCH &
DEVELOPMENT

ATTENDEE
MIX

WHY SAN ANTONIO?

Every successful ecosystem builds on a distinctive regional advantage.

For San Antonio, that advantage is the convergence of military medicine, academic and institutional research, bioscience entrepreneurship, healthcare delivery, and civic leadership.

Individually, these assets are significant. Collectively, they create a network of expertise capable of addressing some of healthcare's most complex challenges—on the battlefield and in our communities.



FEATURED PERSPECTIVE

"Here in Bexar County, military medicine, civilian healthcare, emergency response, and research institutions work together in ways that few regions in the United States can replicate."

Commissioner Grant Moody
Bexar County Commissioner, Pct. 3

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

AIM was designed to put the full dual-use health innovation pipeline in one room: researchers developing new ideas, military and clinical leaders defining real-world needs, companies building deployable solutions, investors and funders looking for scalable opportunities, and civic partners working to strengthen San Antonio's innovation economy. In doing so, this platform seeks to promote:

RESEARCH TRANSLATION

Moving discoveries from labs and clinical environments into real-world use.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Preparing the next generation of talent for careers in medicine, bioscience, defense, and technology.

COMMERCIALIZATION

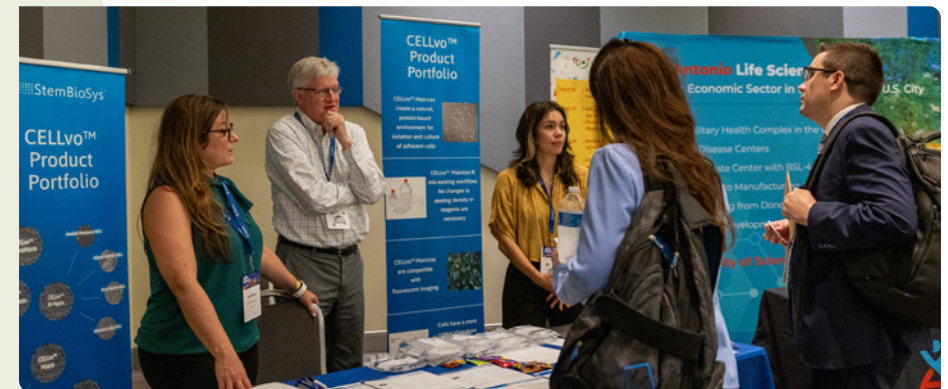
Helping innovators connect with the partners, customers, and capital needed to scale.

PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Creating space for government, military, academia, and industry to solve shared challenges together.

ECONOMIC GROWTH

Strengthening San Antonio's position as a national hub for dual-use health innovation.



THE ECOSYSTEM IN ONE ROOM

AIM brought together a broad cross-section of dual-use health innovators: startups, established companies, universities, research institutions, hospitals, military commands, government agencies, and civic partners.

2025 - 2026 SECTOR REPRESENTATION

202
BUSINESS

90
RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

82
GOVERNMENT

374
TOTAL ORGANIZATIONS
Identified in Attendee Data

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS 2025-2026

BUSINESS

434 Media
4M Therapeutics
Aemulu-XR
Alamo Angels
AlexiGen Biotech
Altrazael Health Sciences
Alva Health
Amplifier Health
AREVA
Astrapi Corporation
ATCC
Audicin
AusMed Global
Ayuvya
Banzae
Best Bandage
BetaFlix, Inc.
Biomedical Development Corporation
BioMedSA
Cadaver Lab SA
Capital Factory
CFD Research Corporation
Chaim Sheba Medical Center
Cherokee Federal
Chinook
ComeBack Mobility
Corcept Therapeutics
Cornerstone Govt. Affairs
CranioCare
Cresilon
CUBiO Innovation Hub
Curativa Bay
Denovo Innovations Group
DesignPlex Biomedical
DLH
EO2 Concepts
EpiBone
FAVHR
Freyya, Inc.
Gallium Solutions
Gaumard Scientific
GelSana Therapeutics
Henry Ford Health
KBR
KeriCure Medical
Knight Aerospace
L3 Autosport

Legacy Innovation
Mass General Brigham
MDM Wound Ventures
Medical Center of the Americas Foundation
MitoGenix Therapeutics
Modern Teleradiology
Molecular You
MTEC
MYO1
Nanosonics
OpenMotion AI
OptiLung
Osteolyse
OYE Therapeutics
Parsons
Phage Refinery
Planmeca USA
Port San Antonio
Prytime Medical Devices
Pulsara
Retrieve Medical
RxBandz
San Antonio Medical Foundation
SBIR Advisors
Sempulse
Senseye
SKYTEXUS
Smith+Nephew
Solventum
StemBioSys
Studio Bahia
Teleflex
Thermo Fisher Scientific
Tiger Bioscience
Troy Chemical Company
University Health Foundation
USAA
Valedyn
Velocity Bioworks
VelocityTX

RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

Alamo Colleges District
Baylor University
Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine
Central Michigan University
CHRISTUS Santa Rosa
Coalition for National Trauma Research
Geneva Foundation
Georgia Tech
Hallmark University
Henry M. Jackson Foundation
Medical Education & Training Campus
METIS Foundation
NC State University
Our Lady of the Lake University
Princeton University
Purdue University
San Antonio Uniformed Services Health Education Consortium
Southwest Research Institute
St. Mary's University
Stanford University
Texas A&M University
Texas Biomedical Research Institute
Texas State University
The University of Texas at Austin
The University of Texas at Tyler
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Translational Research Institute for Space Health
TRC4
Trinity University
Tulane University
UCLA
Uniformed Services University
University of Louisville
University of Southern California
University of the Incarnate Word
University of Utah
UT Health San Antonio
UT San Antonio

GOVERNMENT

Air Force Research Laboratory
ARPA-H
Bexar County
Brooke Army Medical Center
Center for the Intrepid
City of San Antonio
Defense Health Agency
Defense Health Network West
Defense Innovation Unit
Department of Defense
DMRTI Combat Medicine Branch
Extremity Trauma and Amputation Center of Excellence
Joint Base San Antonio
Lackland AFB
Medical Education & Training Campus
National Capitol Region
Walter Reed National Military Medical Center
Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council
Texas Department of State Health Services
Texas Senate
Traumatic Brain Injury Center of Excellence
U.S. Air Force
U.S. Air Force 59th Medical Wing
U.S. Army
U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
U.S. Navy / Marine Corps
Naval Medical Research Unit San Antonio
U.S. Small Business Administration

VOICES IN THE ROOM

The AIM summit creates a shared space for leaders across sectors to engage with San Antonio's life sciences ecosystem not as disparate institutions, but as a connected platform designed to promote partnership and drive innovation.

SUPPORTING PERSPECTIVES

"The summit provides connectivity within our own ecosystem, but also demonstrates to others outside of it how they can plug in."

— **Dr. Jeremy Nelson**
Chief Innovation Officer, VelocityTX

"The only way that we get better is to step out of our silos and engage with other people and other programs. We learn from them. They learn from us. We become one team, one fight, and that's how we succeed."

— **Doug Gissendanner**
Program Manager, Geneva Foundation

"The strength of San Antonio as a city is to have all these different facets of innovation and research capabilities. The summit is doing a great job of putting all these facets together."

— **Dr. Noor Obadi**
Senior Vice President, The METIS Foundation

"Here in our city and county, we have built a powerful ecosystem that connects discovery to deployment. Where ideas move from university labs into real-world testing environments and ultimately into solutions that serve both military and civilian needs."

— **Dr. Taylor Eighmy**
President, UTSA

"This is a unique summit because it brings together three pillars: research capacity, clinical and translational research, and San Antonio's unmatched military and medical infrastructure."

— **Dr. Siobhan Fleming**
Assistant Vice President for Strategic Research Initiatives
UTSA Office of Research & Innovation

ENGAGEMENT BEYOND ATTENDANCE

Attendance measures presence. **Engagement measures participation.**

Conference app analytics indicate that attendees actively used the summit platform to connect with one another, discover organizations, engage sponsors, and build relationships beyond the formal agenda. These metrics help show that AIM functioned as an active collaboration environment, not simply a one-day program.

2026 ENGAGEMENT

118 Subject Matter Expert Engagement

864 Direct Messages

3,041 Profile Views

98,808 Sponsor Impressions

FEATURED PERSPECTIVES

"I have been attending the AIM/SURF Conferences since 2015 and this year's conference was the best one I have attended!"

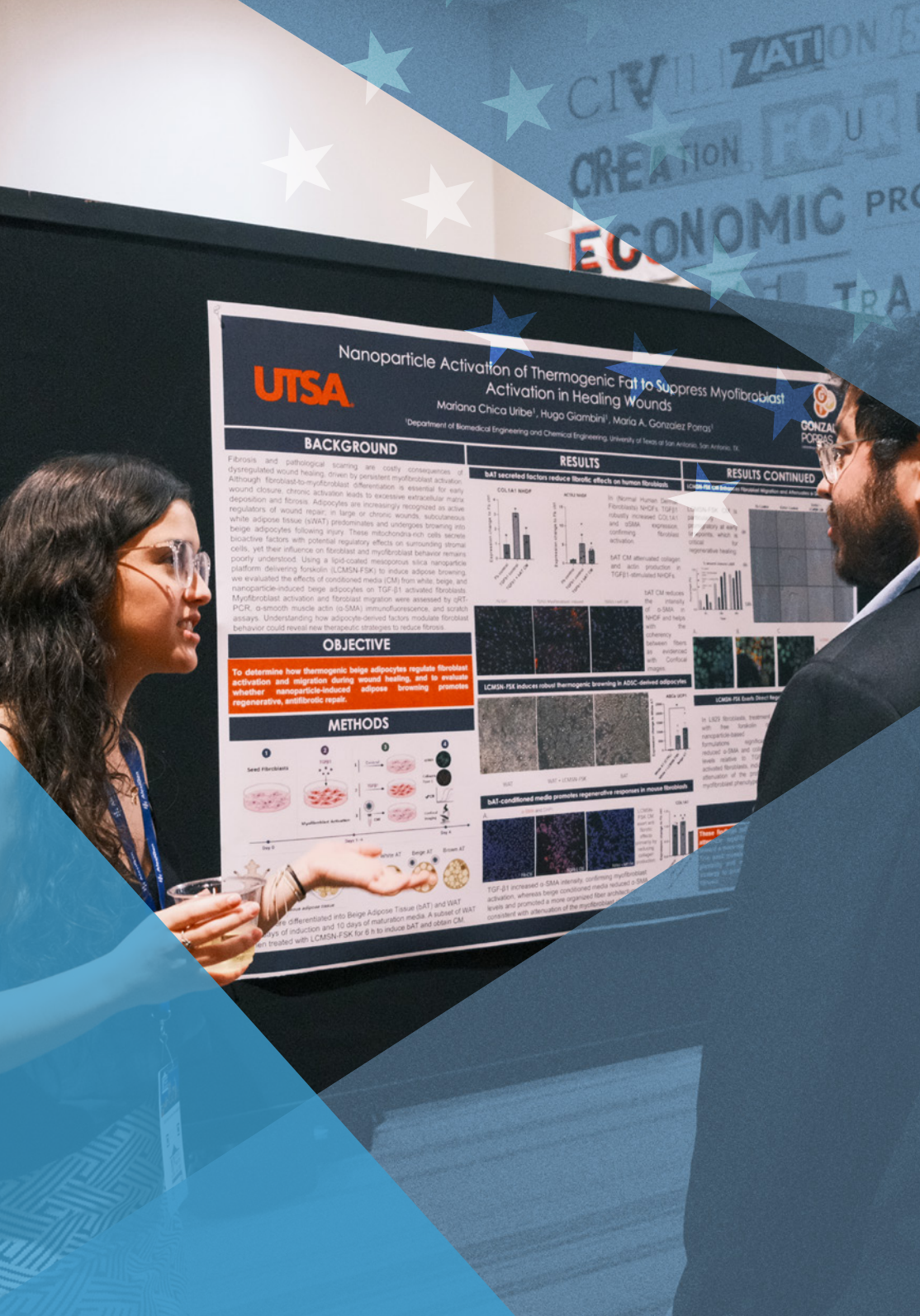
— Ann Marie Lazarus
U.S. Army Civilian

"This event really stood out to me. It was well-organized, engaging, and I learned a lot."

— Tracey Campbell
Patient Safety Consultant/Patient Advocate, JBSA

"Just wanted to say this was one of the most fun and organized events I've been to."

— Lei Ann Branham
Risk Manager/Registered Nurse, Department of Defense



OUTCOMES

A successful event is measured not only by who attends, but by what happens next.

OVERALL

~90%

Reported Meaningful
New Connections

~90%

Planned Future
Follow-Up or
Collaboration

+81

Net Promoter
Score

BUSINESS

100%

Reported Meaningful
New Connections

86%

Planned Future Follow-Up
or Collaboration

+100

Net Promoter Score

RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

100%

Reported Meaningful
New Connections

100%

Planned Future Follow-Up
or Collaboration

+71

Net Promoter Score

GOVERNMENT / MILITARY

67%

Reported Meaningful
New Connections

83%

Planned Future Follow-Up
or Collaboration

+67

Net Promoter Score

FEATURED PERSPECTIVES

"The summit has been extraordinarily helpful in introducing me to the right people in the right organizations to get the right things done."

— Mike Boyle

Founder & COO, SEMPulse



JOIN US AS WE
BRIDGE
THE GAP
BETWEEN
INNOVATORS
TO ADVANCE
LIFE-SAVING
MEDICAL
TECHNOLOGIES.



THE FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE INNOVATION STARTS NOW.

AIM demonstrated that San Antonio has the assets, leadership, and collaborative culture needed to convene a national conversation around health innovation, military medicine, commercialization, and dual-use technology development.

Now, BRDG will carry that mission forward: Business, R&D, and Government connected through a platform built to turn relationships into research translation, commercialization pathways, partnerships, and long-term regional competitiveness.

FEATURED PERSPECTIVE

"America's strength is built from the ground up through free enterprise. Nowhere is that more true than in health innovation and dual-use technology development, where it is small businesses and startups that ultimately build the solutions."

— *Deputy Administrator Bill Briggs*
U.S. Small Business Administration

"When we look at the direction of our economic and national security, it will rely in large part on the very unique biotechnology industry that we have here in our community."

— *The Honorable Gina Ortiz Jones*
Mayor of San Antonio





WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2027

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