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Brad Chedister is a Biomedical Engineer by training and holds a double Masters in Engineering Management and Technology Management. After playing professional baseball for the Houston Astros MLB organization, he served as a Technology Scout / Subject Matter Expert / Lead from 2004-2017, supporting various United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) priorities. More specifically, Chedister served as the R&D lead for USSOCOM programs including the Sensitive Site Exploitation (SSE) portfolio, Human Performance Program (HPP), classified programs portfolio, Biomedical Initiatives Steering Committee (BISC), Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) portfolio, Interagency Identity Dominance and Identity Superiority Programs, and Village Stability Operations Task Force for Credibility Assessment. Additionally, Chedister was selected to lead the USSOCOM HQ Commander's Science and Technology initiative, the Tactical Assault Light Operator Suit (TALOS) Joint Task Force from 2013-2016. Chedister was also selected to lead a brainstorming group for the Ebola crisis, dealing with key technologies in collaboration with the World Health Organization and White House R&D leadership. From 2016-2018, he held the position of Warfighter Systems Architect Director at MIT affiliated Draper Laboratories.

Chedister is currently serving as the Chief Technology & Innovation Officer of DEFENSEWERX and the Principal Innovation Advisor of DEFENSEWERX Hubs in partnership with the Department of Defense, Federal Government, Intelligence Community, and other innovation communities supporting novel solutions for our Nation. He is also the Director of ICWERX, the innovation partnership established with CIA Labs and the Intelligence Community. Additionally, Chedister holds the following positions:

- Special Advisor for Bio-Tech / Med-Tech / Human Performance Optimization Technologies for SOFWERX (USSOCOM's innovation partner)
- Co-Chairman for the Warfighter Sustainment and Performance Working Group (NDIA / DOD entity)
- Co-Chairman of the Automobile Industry's Exoskeleton Working Group (Current and Future Technologies Sub-group)
- Advisory Member of the Cognitive Performer Working Group
- Northwestern University's Kellogg Institute TWIN Member
- Member of the Liminal Collective Leadership Group