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AUTONOMOUS DECISION DOMINANCE

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UNDERSTORY

The base beneath the primes. UNDERSTORY measures how far public data can illuminate the lower tier of the defense industrial base, and reports where the light stops.



understory.gimbletech.com · Lower-tier illumination

AT A GLANCE

The visibility gap, measured

UNDERSTORY is an open-source console over the public Defense Industrial Base Consortium (DIBC) roster. It measures what public data can show about each firm, and reports what it cannot as the Opacity Ratio.

1,745

members of the public DIBC roster

58.2%

Opacity Ratio: the share public name data cannot characterize

343

published IBP investments tracked

10

views, from dashboard to knowledge graph

Roster snapshot 11 August 2026. IBP: the Industrial Base Policy investment portfolio at businessdefense.gov, as of 15 August 2026.

THE DECISION IT SERVES

See below your direct suppliers

THE ISSUE THAT PERSISTS

You know your direct suppliers. Below them, your supply chain is dark, and you learn who was in it after it breaks.

WHAT UNDERSTORY DOES ABOUT IT

UNDERSTORY instruments the darkness itself: what is visible, what is not, and which data join would light the next tier. Screening candidates are shown with the evidence that fired, for a human to decide.

WHO IT'S FOR

Supply chain & procurement · Aerospace & defense suppliers · Risk & compliance · Industrial-base analysts



THE CONSOLE

Ten views over one roster

Executive Dashboard

The roster as a field of lights: one dot per firm, lit or dark, with a dossier behind each.

Warning Board

Six indicators in estimative language over a tiered source catalog.

Roster Explorer

Every member, searchable, with what public data does and does not show.

IBP Investment

The published investment portfolio, joined to the firms that received it.

Screen

Name matches against the 1260H list and non-US domicile indicators, each with its evidence.

Knowledge Graph

Firms, sectors and investments as a graph you can step through node by node.

Also: a Stress Sandbox running the same rules, a Sources tab, a guided tour, and the Duty Officer chat.

How the light is measured



Only derived data ships with the console. The raw roster workbook never enters it.

1. **Start from the public roster**
   Name, status and class from the public DIBC membership list
2. **Characterize**
   Sector tags and a non-US domicile indicator, labeled MODELED
3. **Measure the gap**
   The Opacity Ratio: what resists characterization, reported as a number
4. **Join investments**
   Published IBP investments matched to roster firms
5. **Name the next join**
   USAspending and SAM.gov exclusions declared as the next increments

EVIDENCE YOU CAN CHECK

A managed number, not a verdict

PROVENANCE DISCIPLINE

LIVE DATA	Roster fields from the public DIBC list, dated
MODELED	Sector tags, domicile indicator, pressure levels
SYNTHETIC	Scripted Duty Officer notes when the model is off
CURATED	A site link only where officially published

WHAT IT IS NOT

- Nothing in UNDERSTORY is a vetting, exclusion or FOCI determination on any listed company
- Indicators are name-string evidence for a human decision
- Heuristics are inspectable, and labeled as modeled
- No URL is invented: an unverified site is left blank
- Next joins are declared, not implied as done

HOW TO ENGAGE

Open it first, then start with one decision

TODAY

Open the product

UNDERSTORY is live at understory.gimbletech.com. Use it before you talk to us, and bring the questions it raises.

Free to open

ENTER

Decision Sprint

Four to six weeks on one expensive, recurring decision: map it, wire your evidence, and tune the product to your data and thresholds.

Fixed fee · from 2027

OPERATE

Decision System

The validated system in production, with a provenance chain on every assertion and outcomes tracked against the baseline.

Annual · per decision system

The product is the white paper. Open UNDERSTORY and see the gap measured on a real roster. We then run the same instrument over your supplier base and data joins.

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