

# US defense secretary calls for faster technology development

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U.S. Defense Secretary Ashton Carter watches an unmanned surface vehicle navigate a course in the bay which he had plotted on a computer at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center Wednesday, May 25, 2016, in Newport, R.I. Carter told students at the nearby U.S. Naval War College in Newport that the government needs to develop technology faster and reconnect with the tech industry. (AP Photo/Jennifer McDermott)

U.S. Defense Secretary Ashton Carter says the government needs to

develop technology faster and reconnect with the tech industry.

He told students at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport on Wednesday that "we're too slow and that's a problem."

Carter visited Rhode Island as part of a three-day trip to New England to see Navy installations and meet service members.

Carter says the defense world used to have a stronger connection to the technology industry, and he's spending a lot of time in the Silicon Valley and in Boston to restore it.

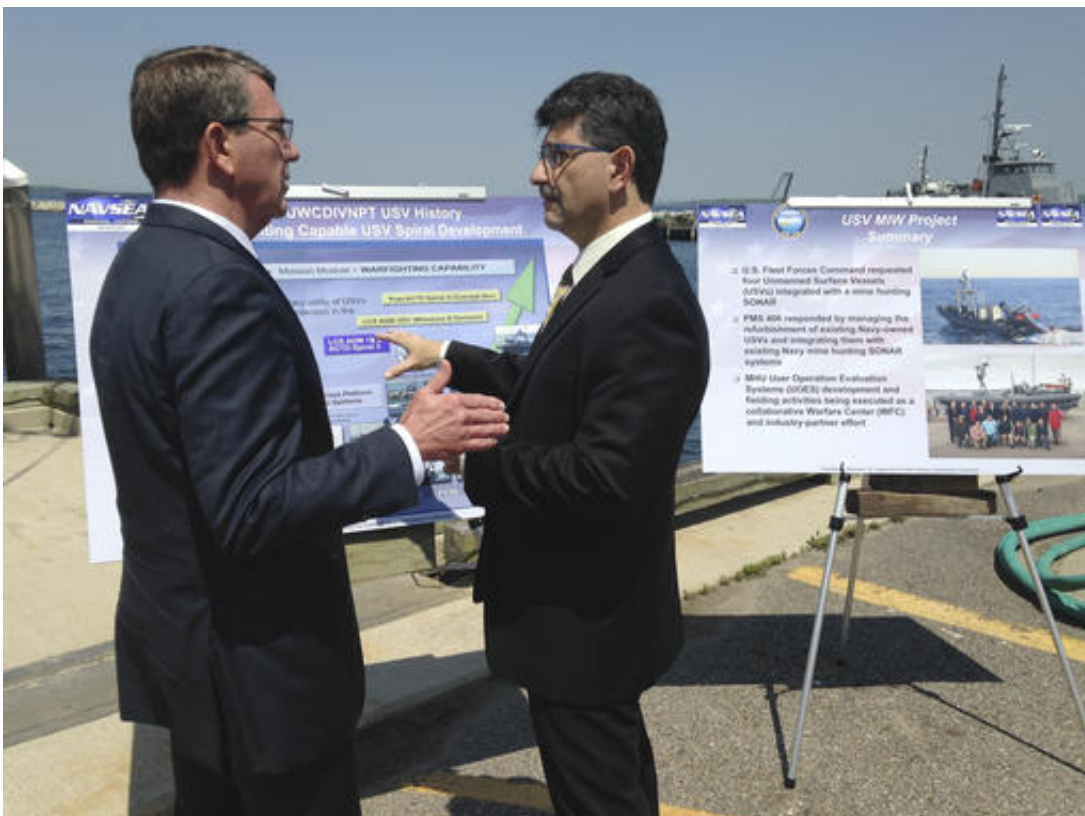
While in Newport, Carter is going to the Naval Undersea Warfare Center to see the latest in unmanned vehicles and other undersea technologies.

He also told the students he's concerned about budget instability.

Carter previously visited Connecticut.



U.S. Defense Secretary Ashton Carter, foreground, uses a computer to set the course for an unmanned surface vehicle in adjacent the bay at Naval Undersea Warfare Center Wednesday, May 25, 2016, in Newport, R.I. Carter told students at the nearby U.S. Naval War College in Newport that the government needs to develop technology faster and reconnect with the tech industry. (AP Photo/Jennifer McDermott)



U.S. Defense Secretary Ashton Carter, left, listens to George Maris, right, Division Head at Naval Undersea Warfare Center, explain the center's unmanned surface vehicle program Wednesday, May 25, 2016, in Newport, R.I. Carter told students at the nearby U.S. Naval War College in Newport that the government needs to develop technology faster and reconnect with the tech industry. (AP Photo/Jennifer McDermott)

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