



Booz Allen Advances AI-powered NextG for America

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Ventures investment in ODC supports pathway to 6G infrastructure and enables mission resiliency

MCLEAN, Va.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Mar. 26, 2026-- [Booz Allen Hamilton](#) (NYSE: BAH) today announced that its corporate venture capital arm, [Booz Allen Ventures](#), has made a strategic investment in [O-RAN Development Company \(ODC\)](#), a U.S.-based technology company specializing in AI-native Open RAN (O-RAN) solutions for 5G and emerging 6G networks. The investment—part of ODC’s Series A funding round—will help accelerate the development of NextG wireless technologies that power mission-critical communications and help shape tomorrow’s 6G infrastructure in step with emerging U.S. priorities.

This investment advances more adaptive communications capabilities. It also supports the development of [Artificial Intelligence Radio Access Network \(AI-RAN\)](#) technologies that embed AI directly into the network to improve mission outcomes while extending the capabilities of today’s 5G infrastructure and laying the foundation for 6G. Leveraging software-defined wireless networks, edge computing, and AI-enabled technologies, data can be processed closer to where missions occur—enabling faster decision making, improved situational awareness, and more resilient network operations at the edge.

“At Booz Allen, we’re advancing AI-native wireless networks that strengthen resilience and bring AI to the edge,” said Chris Christou, senior vice president and 5G/NextG lead at Booz Allen. “By leveraging our deep engineering and mission expertise with ODC’s innovative technology, we’re helping bring next-generation wireless capabilities to environments where speed, adaptability, and reliability matter most.”

This work builds on Booz Allen’s broader NextG industry collaborations through initiatives such as the [AI Wireless Innovation Network \(AI-WIN\)](#), which advances AI-native wireless technologies and accelerates their transition into operational environments. Through AI-WIN, Booz Allen and ODC are working alongside partners, also a co-investor in this round, to develop and deploy NextG capabilities that integrate AI directly into wireless network architectures.

“ODC’s platform can transform the network from a communication pipe into a distributed compute grid, which is the essential AI processing engine for the world’s digital and physical infrastructure,” said Dr. Shaygan Kheradpir, chairman of ODC. “With the support of Booz Allen and other industry-leading partners, we are now focused on ramping our engagements and transforming today’s cell sites into high-performance compute hubs capable of orchestrating everything from autonomous agentic AI and real-time generative inference to the physical AI applications that secure and define national infrastructure resilience.”

Initial efforts will focus on defense applications, where Booz Allen brings deep mission and operational expertise to help integrate emerging commercial technologies into real-world government environments. The collaboration is expected to expand beyond defense to support opportunities across allied international markets, enterprise environments, and mobile network operators.

“The United States must continue to lead in AI and advanced communications,” said Travis Bales, director of Booz Allen Ventures. “Through this investment, Booz Allen is helping accelerate the technologies and partnerships needed to support government missions and sustain America’s technological advantage.”

Launched in 2022, Booz Allen Ventures makes strategic investments in visionary, early-stage startups focused on AI, defense tech, deep tech, cybersecurity, space, and reindustrialization. The fund, [which tripled in size last year](#) to \$300 million, is set to build on the success of investments across portfolio companies to date.

Read more about [Booz Allen Ventures](#) and the company’s [NextG capabilities](#).

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