

Circuit Breaker Labs Achieves DoD Tradewinds “Awardable” Status to Safeguard AI for Military Mental Health



Tysons, VA – May 26, 2026 – Circuit Breaker Labs, a pioneer of automated red-team evaluations for AI in high-stakes domains, announced today that it has achieved “Awardable” status through the [Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Office’s Tradewinds Solutions Marketplace](#).

The Tradewinds Solutions Marketplace is the premier offering of Tradewinds, the DoD's suite of tools and services that accelerates the procurement and adoption of AI/ML capabilities.

Circuit Breaker Labs stress-tests AI systems to surface latent failure modes so harm doesn’t reach end users, with deep focus on mission-critical contexts like mental health.

"This recognition comes the day after Memorial Day, as the urgency of veteran and servicemember mental health remains stark. One veteran takes their life every 82 minutes. Since 2005, more veterans have died by suicide than soldiers killed in the wars in Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan combined. As AI reaches more servicemembers, unsafe model behavior becomes an operational risk. Mental health is force readiness. We need confidence that AI for sensitive use cases has been rigorously tested before it reaches a servicemember or veteran in crisis. Circuit Breaker Labs is honored to be defining that standard with our breakthrough evaluation methodology. Awardable status validates our core premise: safety in high-stakes AI deployments can be measured *rapidly and rigorously*, not merely asserted."

– Shirali Nigam, CEO of Circuit Breaker Labs

The company's solution, *Clinical Safety Evaluation of GenAI for Suicide Prevention and Mental Health*, is available to Government customers through the Tradewinds Solutions Marketplace at tradewindai.com.

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About Circuit Breaker Labs: Circuit Breaker Labs builds automated red-teaming agents, or "crash-test dummies," to surface vulnerabilities in AI embedded in high-stakes workflows. Based in Tysons, VA, the company's proprietary evaluation methodology uniquely produces auditable, reproducible safety scores that AI developers, procurement officers, and program leaders can act on.

About Tradewinds: The Tradewinds Solutions Marketplace, housed in the DoD’s Chief Digital Artificial Intelligence Office, is a digital repository of post-competition, readily awardable pitch videos that address the DoD’s most significant challenges in the AI/ML, data, and analytics space. All awardable solutions have been assessed through complex scoring rubrics and competitive procedures.