

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Q. What level of technology readiness is required to be eligible for the MIST program?**

- A. IS is seeking companies that have technology ready to be used by Government. A technology readiness scale of the Federal Government will be used to guide our assessment. The Technology Readiness Level (TRL) must be between levels 7 and 9:  
TRL 7 = prototype ready for demonstration in an appropriate operational environment  
TRL 8 = actual technology completed and qualified through tests and demonstrations  
TRL 9 = actual technology proven through successful deployment in an operational setting

An independent advisory panel will review all applications received to assess if the company meets the required TRL.

### **Q. How is the “capacity to work with government” assessed?**

- A. An advisory panel of industry experts will assess the company’s organizational structure and determine if it is able to meet the demands and expectations of working with Government.

### **Q. When are applications accepted?**

- A. An application can be submitted at any time. Once an application is received, the process will begin.

### **Q. Can a company be awarded the MIST program more than once?**

- A. No, a company is only eligible to receive funding through the MIST program once.

### **Q. Who owns the intellectual property developed through this program?**

- A. The applicant retains all rights to intellectual property developed through the MIST program.