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Deadline extended to 16 March 2018

US Department of Defense, Combating Terrorism Technical Support Office (CTTSO), the Israel Ministry of Defense, Defense Research and Development Directorate (MAFAT), and the MIT Enterprise Forum of Israel have announced CTTSC3, a unique contest to identify and support start-ups, entrepreneurs, and innovators that are driving the next breakthroughs in technology for combating terrorism.

This contest is open to start-ups worldwide with technology that can help prevent terrorism, protect people, data, or infrastructure from terrorists, assist counter-terrorism and law-enforcement organizations, or facilitate recovery from terrorist attacks. (This year the contest also includes a separate special track for Urban Navigation technologies).

Terrorism is a constantly evolving worldwide threat. As terrorists become more sophisticated, so too must the tools for detecting, preventing, and defeating them.

CTTSC3 merges the dynamism and innovation of the start-up ecosystem with the experience and resources of the US and Israeli defence establishments to deliver the next generation of game-changing technologies for combating terror.

Furthermore, CTTSC3 follows on the success of CTTSC1 (held in 2014) and CTTSC2 (2016), both of which identified and accelerated a number of promising combating terrorism breakthroughs across a variety of technology domains.

Who can enter

The contest is open to anyone (start-up, entrepreneur, developer, researcher, etc.) who has at least a proof of concept of a technology that can help fight terrorism.

(Note that this year, 2018, in addition to the general challenge, there is a special track for navigation technologies)

Entries will be evaluated by an international panel of distinguished judges, and finalists will present live at the CTTSC Conference, held in conjunction with Cyber Week, on Sunday 17 June 2018.

Participating in CTTSC3 brings major benefits. There will be:

- A general technology prize of \$100,000
- A navigation technology prize of \$100,000
- \$10,000 prizes to the runners up
- Sponsored travel to demonstrate in Israel (for selected finalists)
- Complimentary participation in the 2019 Merage HLS Seminar (for two selected finalists)
- Mentorship by leading international experts and organizations

All prizes are no-strings-attached, that is to say there will be no impact on equity or IP ownership, it is understood.

The contest is open to all start-ups, entrepreneurs, university research groups, and other innovators worldwide.

This year, the contest is divided into two separate tracks: General Combating Terrorism Technologies (Track1) and Technologies for Urban Navigation (Track2).

For further information and to register for each track readers are invited to see <http://cttsc-x.com/>

THE TIMETABLE FOR ENTRIES AND NOTIFICATIONS:

FRIDAY 16 MARCH 2018 Deadline for first round entries

FRIDAY 6 APRIL 2018 First round notifications

FRIDAY 11 MAY 2018 Finalists announced

SUNDAY 17 JUNE 2018 Finalists present at the CTTSC conference and prizes are awarded

SUNDAY OCTOBER 21 2018 Urban Navigation Festival (for Track 2 Finalists)

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