Media FAQs

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  - Your topic of interest, including an overview of the story
  - The name of the publication, website, or organization for which you work
  - The MITRE employee whom you would like to interview, if known
  - Your deadline

- How should MITRE be referenced?

The correct first reference is our legal name, The MITRE Corporation. Secondary references can be shortened to MITRE (all capitalized letters). Please note: MITRE is not an acronym and should not carry a parenthetical descriptor.

- What does the acronym MITRE stand for?

MITRE is not an acronym, but the name of our company. The origin of the name is somewhat obscure, but is attributed to James McCormack, a member of MITRE’s first Board of Trustees. McCormack helped draft the charter and incorporate The MITRE Corporation in July, 1958. He wanted a name that was meaningless and without connotations, but with an attractive feel. Some people thought the word MITRE was based on the word for joining or fitting together. Others believed the name came from combining industry names or keywords. McCormack, however, denied all of these explanations.

- How should I describe MITRE's work?

MITRE is a not-for-profit organization that operates research and development centers sponsored by the federal government.

We operate FFRDCs—federally funded research and development centers—which are unique organizations that assist the United States government with:

  - Scientific research and analysis
  - Development and acquisition
  - Systems engineering and integration

We also have an independent research program that explores new and expanded uses of technologies to solve our sponsors' problems. Learn more.

- Does MITRE sell its products or services?
No, MITRE's sole focus is to operate FFRDCs. We have no commercial interests. We have no owners or shareholders, and we can't compete for anything except the right to operate FFRDCs. This lack of commercial conflicts of interest forms the basis for our objectivity. It also allows us to acquire sensitive and proprietary information from the government and industry to inform our work. These organizations are able and willing to share data because they know we won't use it for a competitive advantage. For more than 50 years, the government has trusted us to serve in the public interest.

- **Who are your customers?**

  Our federal sponsors include the Department of Defense, the Federal Aviation Administration, the Internal Revenue Service, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Homeland Security, the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. [Learn More](#).

- **Where are MITRE's headquarters and site locations?**

  MITRE has two principal locations: Bedford, Mass., and McLean, Va. We also have more than [60 sites](#) across the United States and around the world.

- **How many employees work at MITRE?**

  MITRE has more than 7,500 scientists, engineers and support specialists. Approximately 2,000 work in our Bedford, Mass. location and approximately 3,500 work in our McLean, Va. location.

- **When was MITRE established?**

  In July 1958, the U.S. Congress chartered The MITRE Corporation as a private, not-for-profit corporation to provide engineering and technical guidance for the federal government. [Learn More](#).

- **What is MITRE's revenue?**

  Our 2012 revenue was $1,421 million. [Learn More](#).

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  - The timeframe in which you'd like to visit

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