

The MITRE Corporation

Media FAQs

- **How can I get in touch with or schedule an interview with one of your executives or technical experts?**

Send a request to media@mitre.org and a member of the Strategic External Communications team will assist you. Please include:

- 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?**

As a not-for-profit organization, MITRE works in the public interest across federal, state and local governments, as well as industry and academia. We bring innovative ideas into existence in areas as varied as artificial intelligence, intuitive data science, quantum information science, health informatics, space security, policy and economic expertise, trustworthy autonomy, cyber threat sharing, and cyber resilience. At MITRE, we solve problems for a safer world.

We operate [FFRDCs](#)—federally funded research and development centers. FFRDCs are unique organizations that assist the United States government with scientific research and analysis; development and acquisition; and 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?**

[As a company chartered to work in the public interest](#), we have no owners or shareholders, and we don't compete with industry. This lack of commercial conflicts of interest forms the basis for our objectivity and provides us with a unique vantage point. We can acquire sensitive and proprietary information from the government, industry, and other partners to inform our work.

Organizations are willing and able to share data because they know we won't use it for a competitive advantage.

And because we operate multiple FFRDCs, we foster a [culture of knowledge sharing](#) across the corporation. Equally important, we never stop evolving our capabilities and domain expertise. We use knowledge gained from our state-of-the-art laboratories, public-private partnerships, and independent research to scan the horizon constantly for looming challenges to our nation's safety and stability. By exploring new and emerging technologies, we discover the solutions that turn obstacles into opportunities for mission success.

- **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, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology. [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 8,200 scientists, engineers and support specialists. Approximately 2,000 work in our Bedford, Mass. location and approximately 3,700 work in our McLean, Va. location.

- **When was MITRE established?**

The MITRE Corporation was chartered in 1958 as a private, not-for-profit company to provide engineering and technical guidance for the federal government. Since then, MITRE has operated at the intersection of advanced technology and vital national concerns. We've grown to serve a variety of government agencies at the highest levels through the operation of [federally funded research and development centers](#) (FFRDCs). [Learn More](#)

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

Our 2017 revenue was \$1.64 billion.

- **Can I visit MITRE?**

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- The purpose/goal of your visit
- The timeframe in which you'd like to visit

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- An overview of the story
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