## 2023 CBRN DEFENSE MODERNIZATION CHALLENGE

MARCH-JULY 2023

## **PROBLEM STATEMENT**

The Medical CBRN Defense Consortium and the Countering WMD Consortium approached TechConnect to help them find innovators across three key application sets: medical, protection, and sensors. The consortia hoped that solution sets presented in these areas may be the basis for future requirements from the U.S. government.

## **OUTCOME & RESULTS**

Because of its broad nature, TechConnect approached each of the three focus areas by drilling down further and identifying specific technologies of interest in each category, ultimately naming 32 sub-disciplines that would help attract innovators. We were pleased to garner the interest of 145 applicants after a brief application window and without a monetary prize, naming a higher-than-usual number of finalists to come meet the consortia in person at TechConnect World for a pitch event.

65%
NON-TRADITIONAL

16%
WOMAN-OWNED

APPLICANTS

57% STARTUPS

88%
INTERESTED IN
CONSORTIUM
MEMBERSHIP

43%
MEDICAL
TOPIC

26% TRL 4 28%
SENSOR
TOPIC

COUNTRIES

BIR-FUNDED 25





29%
PROTECTION
TOPIC





