



The Smart Cities Smart Bases Innovation Challenge is looking for **YOU** to deliver cutting-edge, dual-use technologies that address the intersecting technical, environmental, and security challenges faced by both smart cities and smart military bases.



**Apply now for a chance to present your solution on stage in April 2025 at Smart Cities Connect Conference in San Antonio, Texas.**

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### **Why Your Solution Matters:**

Municipalities and military installations are increasingly vulnerable to cyberattacks, natural and man-made disasters, and disruptions to energy, food, and water supply chains. Both strive to:

- Strengthen their operations
  - Enhance the security of personnel and facilities, and
  - Deploy disruptive technologies across areas such as AI, energy, communications, mobility, sensors, cybersecurity, resilient infrastructure, and emergency response.
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Urban environments provide living incubators and testbeds for rapidly evolving technologies, while the U.S. federal government remains the largest user of energy and the nation's largest landlord. Together, smart cities and smart bases represent an unparalleled opportunity for innovation.

TechConnect, Advanced Technology International (ATI), and the RISE Consortium will leverage their vast ecosystems to connect solution providers with subject matter experts, funding opportunities, and a best-in-class audience for your pitch.

## Areas of Interest:

- Energy & Grid Security
- Energy Storage & Access
- Urban Air & Land Mobility
- 5G & Resilient Networks
- AI & Autonomous Systems
- C5ISR & Sensor Systems
- Cyber & Infrastructure Security
- Food, Water, Supply Chain Resilience
- Emergency Response & Mitigation

Ideally, proposed technologies will apply to both civilian and defense use cases. However, single use approaches are still of interest.



### Who Should Apply

Innovative dual-use emerging technologies representing cutting-edge resilient energy or infrastructure technologies are welcome. There is added interest in non-traditional or emerging technologies with dual-use (civilian & national security) applications.



### RISE Membership

All qualified submitting technologies will receive RISE membership supporting national energy, climate and infrastructure initiatives. Access the Nation's largest pipeline of dual-use emerging technology funding opportunities aligned with the Nation's most critical challenges.



### How to Participate

Submit your technologies today for review. There is no fee to apply. If selected, you will be required to pay a registration fee to confirm. Confirmed innovators will pitch to key OEMS and military tech scouts in San Antonio, TX during the Smart Cities Connect Conference in April 2025. Submissions are due March 1, 2025.

Please contact the University of South Florida Technology Transfer office representative for submission - Roisin McNally at [rmcnally@usf.edu](mailto:rmcnally@usf.edu).