



### STATE OF NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY CONSORTIUM

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## First Call for Proposals

• The call ran from April 20 to June 15, 2023

• Scientific Review occurred June 16 to September 1, 2023

Oversight provided by the NCC Board and ISED

 Results communication and government announcements planned and ready for release

#### Results

- Three Areas Represented:
  - Research and Development
  - Training
  - Commercialization
- Across all Five Themes
  - Network Security, Software Security, Privacy, Human-centric Cybersecurity, and Critical Infrastructure Protection
- Notifications (embargoed): October 20, 2023
- Formal announcement: October 31, 2023

## Next Steps for Successful Applicants

 Ultimate Recipient Agreements (URA) to be negotiated from November 1, 2023 – until complete

 Projects can start immediately but funds will flow only in conformance with the URA

 Post-award obligations will need to be met to ensure installments continue as projects meet goals and KPIs

### Membership Model

- NCC Members are organizations only currently
- Membership fees will contain two features and to receive NCC funding an Ultimate Recipient must remain in good standing
  - **Element 1**: Base Fee largely based on organization size this is one fee for a UR even if they lead multiple projects
  - **Element 2**: Based on funding provided from NCC sources
- Legalese:
  - Membership fees are not levied against the projects per se but against the Ultimate Recipient
  - Membership fees count toward matching funds but are not eligible expenses to NCC sources

#### Lessons Learned from Call 1

- Change the application process to make it more approachable
  - Your time investment will reflect the stage you are at in the process
- Clarification around the need for an industry partner and the needs for matching funds

- Clarification is particularly required for
  - Spearhead R&D Projects
  - Commercialization Projects

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