**Abstract guidelines:**

All abstracts for STIx must address the meeting’s theme of “The Big Question.” Specifically, abstracts for the presentations should address one of more of the three major subtopics:

i. The **big question** that my research seeks to answer

ii. The **big question** that my technology addresses

iii. The **big question** of identifying, nurturing, recruiting, or/and retaining top STEM talent to ensure the nation’s present and future security.

We welcome submissions for a carefully prepared talk, performance, or demonstration that reports basic science, multidisciplinary work, technological advances, and/or best practices related to STEM recruitment and retention. Please keep in mind that all presentations must be communicable to a broad audience.

Abstracts should be no longer than **1 page in length double-spaced**. Inclusion of visuals in the abstract submission highly encouraged but not necessary, and can be included on a separate page. Please send abstracts to Dr. Taeyjuana Lyons (taeyjuana.y.lyons.ctr@mail.mil) by 28 April 2017 at NOON.

**Target audience:** This event is meant to cast a **wide** net. The target audience includes middle and high school administrators, educators, and students, university administrators, professors, researchers, graduate students, industry researchers, and R&D executives, and anyone from the public interested in learning about basic research in the DoD.

**Invited presentations:** Each of the invited speakers will be asked to prepare a relatively short (not to exceed 12 minutes), carefully prepared talk or demonstration that carefully follows the TED talk format. Use of visuals is highly encouraged but not necessary. A/V equipment will be available for use by the speakers.