

Below is a sample of the email invitation, to include the signature of a TPO official.

The Technology Partnership Office (TPO) of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is conducting an economic assessment of eliminating the prohibition on seeking copyright protection for software developed by Federal employees engaged in government work. The survey and analysis are being conducted by David Leech and Dr. John Scott on NIST's behalf.

NIST's Return on Investment (ROI) Initiative identified the prohibition as a constraint on technology commercialization. The goal of this survey is to quantify the net benefits of eliminating that constraint with the goal of increasing the transfer of federal investments in science and technology to the private sector. Please take the time to respond.

Neither NIST nor any government agency will receive the raw survey data. All survey data will be interpreted and reported ONLY in aggregated form, as averages and ranges. No individual person, laboratory, or agency will be discernable.

The survey will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. To begin, click on the <https://www.research.net/r/NIST_Copyright_survey> link below. We hope to have your completed response not later than March 6, 2020.

Thank you in advance for your support,