Submissions created by participants will be evaluated in four periods, as described in the table below:

Activity/Period	Description	Objectives	Judge Panel
Codeathon burst 1 Period 1	Evaluation of submissions from 5 Regional Codeathon events on September 27-29, 2019.	Selection of up to the top 4 Local Winners at each codeathon event. Selection of up to ten submissions per event, to recognize one per unique contest.	Panel 1
Codeathon burst 2 Period 2	Evaluation of submissions from 5 Regional Codeathon events on November 1-3, 2019.	Selection of up to the top 4 Local Winners at across each codeathon event. Selection of up to ten submissions per event, to recognize one per unique contest.	
Online Contest Period 3	Evaluation of consolidated submissions, including online submissions and final submission from Regional Codeathons.	Selection of up to the top 20 participants in each of the ten unique contests, to complete final testing and assessment. Following final testing and assessment, selection of up to the top 5 National Finalists in each of the ten unique contests to be invited to the National Award Event.	Panel 2
National Award Event Contest Period 4	Evaluation of National Finalists for the selection of National Winners.	Selection of National Winners for each of the ten unique contests in the Demonstration Contest, as well as the Seed and Progress Contests.	Panel 3
National Award Event Contest Period 5	Evaluation of Seed Contest Winners	Selection of Progress Contests Winners.	Panel 4

Activity	Participants	Awards	Date
Launch of ten public safety communications contests	Open to all eligible participants for early review		April 1, 2019
Online Contest Submission Period Starts Development and online submission of prototypes and solutions by eligible participants	Open to all eligible participants		June 1, 2019
Regional Codeathons burst 1: Development of prototypes and solutions at 5 in-person codeathon events in 5 cities. Up to 4 Local Winners will be selected at each codeathon.	Open to all eligible participants	Up to $35,000 in cash prizes per codeathon event. Anticipated distribution of cash prizes per codeathon: **Local Winners** ● 1st Place $10,000 ● 2nd $7,500 ● 3rd $5,000 ● 4th $2,500 ● Recognition awards — up to ten awards of $1,000 each, one per contest. Local Winners will be showcased on the challenge website.	September 27-29, 2019
Regional Codeathons burst 2: Development of prototypes and solutions at 5 in-person codeathon events in 5 cities. Up to 4 Local Winners will be selected at each codeathon.	Open to all eligible participants	Up to $35,000 in cash prizes per codeathon event. Anticipated distribution of cash prizes per codeathon: **Local Winners** ● 1st Place $10,000 ● 2nd $7,500 ● 3rd $5,000 ● 4th $2,500 ● Recognition awards — up to ten awards of $1,000 each, one per contest. Local Winners will be showcased on the challenge website.	November 1-3, 2019

Online Contest Submission Deadline Submission deadline for the Tech to Protect Online Contest	Open to all eligible participants to enter their best and final submissions for evaluation		November 15, 2019
National Judging Period Starts Judging period starts for national submissions — including submissions to the Online Contest and winning codeathon submissions	Online submissions and final submissions from Regional Codeathons		December 1, 2019
National Judging Period Ends Announcement of National Finalists. National Finalists will be invited to attend the National Award Event.	Online submissions and final submissions from Regional Codeathons	Top performing participants in each of the ten coding contests will be invited as national finalists to participate in the National Award Event.	January 24, 2020
National Award Event Contest Selection and Showcase of National Winners.	Eligible Finalists	Up to $1,850,000 in cash prizes awarded by NIST will be distributed among the National Winners of the challenge. National Winners will be showcased on the challenge website. Up to 30 awards are anticipated for technical excellence in the Demonstration Contest, three in each of the ten unique contests totaling up to $650,000. Up to 12 awards are anticipated in the Seed and Progress Contests totaling up to $1,200,000.	April 2020 April-October 2020