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1. **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION (A complete technical description is requested in Section 7):** State concisely what has been invented, i.e., what is to be offered to a company? This may be a product to be sold, an improvement to an already available product, or a process to be used in making a product or providing a service. An attachment should not be used to answer this question.
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|  | TRL2 | Concept defined and/or application formulated, analytical tools developed (applied research) |
|  | TRL3 | Experimental data demonstrates critical function (proof of concept) |
|  | TRL4 | Invention validated in laboratory environment (feasibility) |
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2. Are you actively pursuing this needed work?
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