

SIMCITY DEADLINE! SIMCITY DEADLINE!

Directions for submission and Answering Questions.

FC Teachers & Engineer-Mentors:

It's that time for getting your SIMCITY Designs ready to be sent to IPFW. This year we are asking that you do BOTH of the following since this is a "pilot" year for this process and we want to make sure it works.

Disk Deadline for website submission: December 6, 2005 12:00 a.m.

Disk Deadline for mailing submission: December 6, 2005 postmark

Repeat...**YOU MUST DO BOTH OF THE ABOVE!**

Late submission penalty FOR EITHER: 5 pts.

This year we are using a new, additional method to ensure that all cities get here in a timely fashion. We are asking that you submit your city via the Indiana FC website AND a "hard" version in the mail. As some of you may recall, last year the disks arrived here at IPFW in our office at all different times even though they were all postmarked the same day for almost all teams. It caused quite a bit of confusion. We never figured out the mail delay but we want to avoid having this happen again. Please follow the directions below for disk submission.

Directions for website submission: www.etcs.ipfw.edu/fcc

Go to Disk and Essay Submissions on the home page.

Type in your city name. **NO City NAME CHANGES WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER YOU SUBMIT THE DISK.**

Click on "browse" and find your SIMCITY File on your computer (you will need to have it saved on the hard drive) and highlight your SIMCITY file. Click Open. The file links should appear in the box next to the word "browse"

Click "submit".

You will receive a confirmation that the file was sent correctly. We will check all files after Monday to make sure the cities open without corruption. If there is a problem with your city, we will notify you.

IN ADDITION:

Mail in a hard version of your city on CD or floppy disk.

Include on disk/cd your school and city name. NO CITY NAME CHANGES AFTER SUBMISSION OF DISK/CD.

IMPORTANT!!! Include page A-51 from your handbook with the disk completely filled out. **This is worth 20 pts.** Remember that in the "Enter Values" column there should be actual numbers.

Example of question on page A-51:

1. Is the year of your finished city at least year 2150 or above? Incorrect: Yes or a check Correct: 2200 (actual year of city)

Warning: To prevent corruption, save file to hard drive first and then save on your cd or disk.

Also **OPTIONAL**: you can include the disk inventory that I sent out in a previous email. This is a way to ensure that the judges find everything in your city that is in the rubric. It is also a way to check and see if you have what you need for a good city. You don't need to have all the things listed in the inventory. See directions. I have attached this inventory again in this email.

Mail in your disk, page A-51, and optional inventory to:

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Recent Questions:

What if we don't have an engineer yet?

Still submit your city. We are doing what we can to help find you engineers but we need you to also participate in this search within your own city/community. Ask around school. Contact your local city about city engineers. Call a local engineering company. Remember, you and the engineer define their level of time commitment according to your schedules.

Can we use "cheat code"?

We highly discourage these. However, the judges may/may not be able to tell if you did depending on their personal level of experience with the game. Even using cheat codes there are some things you will have to do to set up an excellent city and meet the highest rating on the judging sheet. Bottom line, you must decide.

How many cities can we enter?

3 Teams / school is the maximum number.

What if we aren't sure if we can complete the whole competition process?

Submit the SIMCITY anyway. Why? Just in case your team makes it through the process and also it will be a good experience to see how well they do. They and you will learn a lot for next year.

How "late" is "late"? In other words, if we anticipate a late submission, is there a time after which we cannot submit a SIMCITY?

The absolute latest time to submit the city is before the end of the year, Dec. 30, 2004. Right after the holiday the cities will be judged.

Please contact me if you have any questions/concerns/problems. Good luck!

Carol