

Hello teachers and engineers:

1. I have two engineers willing to help 2 Ft. Wayne area schools. Are any of you still needing help? Anyone else still in need contact me ASAP.

2. Reminder: December 14 Team registration and Disk submission.

Mail hard copy of disk materials postmarked by Dec. 14 (Labeled disk with city name, school, team members and page A-41 Score sheet filled out and signed) to:

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3. Optional Disk Inventory can be found on IPFW FC website:

www.etc.ipfw.edu/fcc

Also, disk submissions and team registrations are now open on that website also.

4. Essay: Remember to check out the score sheet to see what judges will be looking for. Careful not to go overboard and do more than what is required and "bog down" your team.

5. Commonly asked questions:

Do all team members need to work on everything?

Answer: No. You can have some students who are better and more interested (skilled) do a part of the project. However, everyone should understand and know what they did on the team and participate with feedback and ideas.

Q: Will the judges who see the model read the essay and see the disk?

A: No, we have different judges for each category and they don't see the other elements of the project.

Q. Does the model have to reflect or be an exact version of the SIMCITY city we created?

A: No, the SIMCITY portion of the project helps students understand the process and elements of city design/development. The model is an expression of their imagination if they could see into the future and envision a futuristic city. However, the model must display a "cut" of a city and it must be to scale, proportioned and the correct size (we do measure the W & L of the city). Elements of the city not shown in the model must be considered by the team so they can answer questions about these missing elements. i.e. your city may not show the power source or communication system but can your team explain those things to the judges?

Q. Does the regional contest have the same Special Awards as the National FC event (as listed in the handbook)?

A: No, we have our own Special Awards. We have been adding them periodically to the website. Check the Indiana IPFW FC website under Special Awards.

For example, the Red Cross has just decided to sponsor an award for the Best Emergency Response Plan. If your team can come up with a plan to handle things like Hurricanes, etc. they would be eligible. This award should be listed tomorrow. The criteria for awards will also be listed on the website.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any further questions about the project.

Keep truckin!! Hang in there...it will all be worth it when you see the wonderful cities created by all the teams in January with your team's city part of the display!

Best-

Carol