Hello Teachers,

Please note that there are two different Future City registrations: School and Team.

In the fall, your SCHOOL registered to participate in Future City either as a fully participating school or as a pilot school. All schools did the same process.

Now it is time for you to let us know at the Indiana Regional, if you plan to attend the event and compete, how many teams you will have, the name of your city (or cities), the names of the designated 3 student team members for each team, their sizes, and the name of the teacher(s) associated with each team and the engineer-mentor(s). You are only allowed 3 teams at the regional. Any number of students can attend as observers (and we encourage this if they worked on the project and the students doing the presentation are "representatives" of a class or club).

This is the Team Registration coming up on Dec. 17, 2009. **THIS IS A REQUIRED STEP IN THE PROCESS.**

Here are questions I have received:

Q: Is there a cost?

A: No

Q: I already registered. Why are we doing it again?

A: Read above. You did the SCHOOL REGISTRATION. This is the TEAM REGISTRATION.

Q: Do we need to have the city name?

A. Yes, and once you register with a city name, YOU CANNOT CHANGE IT!

Q: Should the city name of the team and the city name on the SimCity 4 match?

A. Yes, and also the city name on the essay and abstracts due in January.

Q: What if we win the Regional and more than the 3 students worked on the project?

A: Only the 3 official Regional team members (presenters), the teacher, and the engineer of the winning team will receive the trip to Washington D.C. to complete nationally as the "official" team (National FC rules state no substitutions once your team has participated at the Regional and won). However, other team members are welcome to attend Nationals at the discretion of the teacher and their parents. National Future City will not make arrangements for the transportation and accommodations for those extra team members but they will provide some directions on how you can reserve extra rooms for them. Also, you are responsible for overseeing those extra students unless their parents travel with you.

Q. Can we substitute team members after we have registered for the Regional?

A. For the Nationals, no (see above question) but for the Regional, yes, you may change the names of your team members if absolutely necessary up until the Monday before the competition (Jan. 12) but we encourage you to only do this if you have no other choice. We must print the names of all team members
on the program which goes to print that Monday and also all badges and certificates which are printed on
Tuesday. As you can imagine if everyone changes names at the last minute we will not be able to
accommodate those changes on the program and the other items.

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Q. If we are planning on registering a team and then they don't complete the essay and abstract, can they
still come to the competition with their model, present and compete?
A. Yes, however, they would not be eligible to advance to the finals because of those missing elements.
They would be able to participate in the model displays and the Special Award judging that occurs at the
event.

Even if you do not complete your model but have submitted the other items, your team may attend the
event to see the displays and watch the finals in the afternoon.

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Q. Who gets the free t-shirts?
A. The official 3 members of each team, the teacher, the engineer-mentor. Other t-shirts may be paid for
but the orders go in this Thursday so get those t-shirt sizes in to us soon if you have not done so!

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Q. Can we change teacher and engineer names after the registration date?
A. Yes, similar to the team members, teacher and engineer names can be added or changed until the week
of the event. Once you have attended the Regional as the official teacher or mentor for the team, no other
person can be substituted to attend Nationals if your team wins.

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Q. How much time must an engineer participate to be an official mentor listed with our team?
A. There are no strict rules regarding time of participation but we hope that, at the least, your mentor has
come to your school, spoken to the students, provided advice and feedback on the project. Some mentors
participate on a regular basis (this is the ideal situation) while others advise via email and phone calls and
only visit a few times. The latter is acceptable if your situation and location prevent more participation but
obviously this is not as advantageous as a regularly participating mentor.

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This email update will be posted on the Indiana website with all of the other updates.

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Thank you,
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