Hello Future City Teams/Educators:

This is a friendly reminder that tomorrow is the deadline date with the deadlines time of 5:00 PM (EDT) for submitting your SimCity Virtual cities (either SimCity 4 or new SimCity). It is also the deadline for registering the specific teams that are associated with these cities and who you plan to bring to the regional competition on January 18th (if you plan to attend). This is NOT the same thing as your school/organization registration which you all did in the fall.

WHERE TO SUBMIT YOUR SIMCITY VIRTUAL DESIGNS AND TEAM MEMBER NAMES?

Go to the national website and enter the system using the log in and password that you should have created when you first registered your school or organization. Recall that when you registered, you were sent an automatic email from Future City giving you a temporary password. You were supposed to change that temporary password to one of your choice. If you have not done that, please do so. This will give you access to the national Future City team management system, which all regional competitions are now required to use. If you have a problem, please contact me.

WHAT IS FUTURE CITY TEAM MANAGEMENT SYSTEM?

This is where you can register individual teams and enter your mentor's name. Each organization's mentor(s) should register also at National Future City so they can be assigned to your school...one mentor per team; not multiple names. A mentor is an outside person (engineer, architect, technical professional or university student in a related field) who may assist your team regularly, periodically, or provides advice/guidance regularly by email and hopefully at least a few times in person.

At your school's page you can see each team and enter their competition components by uploading them directly from a hard drive on your computer where they are saved (in the case of SimCity 4 or your essays later on in January).

REQUIRED FORMS: SIMCITY VIRTUAL FORM

You will upload the SimCity form through your school/organization's page on the Team Management System. For the new SimCity you will provide some information for judge's to access your city on line.

DIRECTIONS FOR UPLOADING AND USING THE TEAM MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:

If you need assistance, please listen to the short webinar offered on the Indiana and National website that was created by National Future City to help with the process of teams using their site.

There are also written directions for uploading Simcity and/or uploading forms.

Indiana website: www.etcs.ipfw.edu/fcc
Check out the home page for the information. It is also under SimCity.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me with questions over the next few days if you encounter any difficulties.

CHECK THE COMPETITION CHECKLIST FOR SIMCITY ON PAGE 15 OF THE EDUCATOR’S PROGRAM HANDBOOK. This will provide you with all the important things to know that are required regarding Simcity and it also shows the scoring points. Judges will use the rubric on pages 16-19 to evaluate the virtual city and complete an associated judge score sheet.

TEAM REGISTRATION:

You will enter the names of the team members associated with each city from your school. Remember that you can have up to 3 teams unless you have over 100 students and then you can have 4 teams. The city name stays with your
team throughout the competition (and cannot be changed once it is submitted this week). It should be used with all the competition components: virtual city, essay, city narrative, presentation, and model.

Can you change the team member names later? Yes, we will let you know the last date to change names; which can be done on the national team management system. We will most likely allow changes up to a week before the event. After that we cannot guarantee that the name will be in our regional competition program. If someone gets ill or has an unusual last minute conflict, you can change students up to the morning of the competition but, again, the new team member’s name will not be in the program and will have to be changed on the team management system by you later that weekend.

Thanks everyone for your work with your Future City Teams!
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