

## COMMON QUESTIONS

### **Q: IS IT NECESSARY TO HAVE AN ENGINEER WORK WITH THE STUDENTS?**

**A:** Yes. While students will enjoy working with the computer software, the engineer brings practical experience and advice on designing and building the city. We want students to understand how technology impacts peoples' lives.

### **Q: HOW MUCH AND WHAT KIND OF HELP CAN THE ENGINEERS AND TEACHERS PROVIDE TO THE STUDENTS?**

**A:** Students should do all of the hands-on work, such as designing the city, building the model, and writing the essay and abstract. The teachers and engineers are primarily advisors.

### **Q: WHEN WILL THE REGIONAL COMPETITIONS BE HELD?**

**A:** Scheduling of the regional competition is up to the regional coordinator. Competitions will take place during January.

### **Q: WHERE WILL THE NATIONAL FINALS TAKE PLACE?**

**A:** National Finals will be held in Washington, D.C. during National Engineers Week, February.

### **Q: HOW MUCH TIME WILL THE ENGINEER MENTOR NEED TO SPEND ON THE PROJECT?**

**A:** The engineer should be available to provide advice and technical assistance to the students. It is hoped that he or she will be available whenever the students work on the project. If this is not possible, the teacher should be available to provide advice and assistance. Typically, most engineers devote approximately 20-40 hours.

### **Q: I AM NOT FAMILIAR WITH SIMCITY 4 DELUXE. WILL I RECEIVE ANY INSTRUCTIONS?**

**A:** The regional coordinator will mail the software and the Future City Competition Teacher's Handbook to registered schools from August - October. A copy of the SimCity 4 Deluxe User's Manual is available on the Future City Competition web site at [www.futurecity.org](http://www.futurecity.org). For additional technical support, visit the SimCity website at [www.simcity.com](http://www.simcity.com), or visit the Future City online forum, at [www.futurecity.org](http://www.futurecity.org).

## Q: WHAT ARE THE PRIZES?

**A:** Prizes will be awarded at both the regional and national competitions. The first place team from each region will win a trophy and a trip to Washington, D.C. to participate in the National Finals. At the National Finals, there will be one overall winner, and first and second runners up. The first place winning team (three students, one teacher, one engineer-mentor) at the National Finals will win a trip to U.S. Space Camp™ in Huntsville, Alabama, sponsored by Bentley Systems, Inc. The first runner up team will win a \$5,000 scholarship for the school's technology program, sponsored by the National Society of Professional Engineers. The second runner up team will win a \$2,000 scholarship for the school's technology curriculum, sponsored by the The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers – USA. Also, numerous special awards will be given out at the National Finals.

**For more information about the  
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