



2024-2025 SEASON
WASHINGTON REGION

Above the Current

Design a floating city and provide two innovative examples of how your floating city works and keeps its citizens healthy and safe



AGENDA

- Washington State Future City Committee
- Competition Overview Includes what is new this year
- Organizing Your Team
- Finding a Mentor
- Future City Resources Handbook, Future City Website & CMS
- Regional Competition Information



DISCOVER PRESENTS
future City
COMPETITION

“As an educator, it can be hard to show students why math and science are important in their lives. Future City is a prime example of a STEM program that shows how engineering can be an exciting career and why sustainability is important.”

Mary-Beth Liles
Middle School Teacher

WASHINGTON STATE FUTURE CITY COMMITTEE

- Karen Pavletich - (Regional Coordinator)
- Kaitlyn Jakubek - (Co-Treasurer)
- Steve Cresse - (Co-Treasurer)
- Sophie Pavletich - (Publicity)
- Karen Pavletich- (Teacher/School Advisor)
- Stacia Lesser - (Competition Day Coordinator)
- Ken Pavletich (Photographer)
- Jeanne Harshbarger - (Judging Coordinators)
- Carl Buher/Colin OBrien – (Scoring Co-Coordinator)
- Lindsey Pavletich - (Awards/Prizes)
- Puneet Janda - (Member-at-Large)
- Carina Pham- (Member-at-Large)



THEME

Theme: Above the Current!

Design Challenge: Floating City

Design a floating city and provide two innovative examples of how your floating city works and keeps its citizens healthy and safe

Water Rule

- **Any water used in the model must be self-contained or drainable.**

Theme Webinar

- **Date: October 10th, 2024**
- **Time: 3pm ET**
- **RSVP: 24'-25' Theme Webinar**



COMPETITION OVERVIEW & CHANGES

PROJECT DELIVERABLE	COMPETITION POINTS		DUE DATE
1. CITY ESSAY	54 POINTS	last year 50 points	DUE BEFORE COMPETITION Dec 13
Teams describe the unique features of their city and their solution to this year's challenge: design a floating city and provide two innovative examples of how your floating city works and keeps its citizens healthy and safe.			
2. CITY MODEL	65 POINTS	last year 65points	AT COMPETITION Jan 18
Teams build a physical model of their city (in one piece or multiple segments) using recycled materials. The model showcases the team's city of the future, their solution to this year's challenge, and has at least one moving part.			
3. CITY PRESENTATION AND Q&A	72 POINTS	last year 72 points	AT COMPETITION Jan 18
Three student team members give a 7-minute presentation about their future city and their solution to the challenge. Teams have an 8-minute question and answer period, conducted with a panel of judges from the engineering, city, and technical communities.			
Note – this is in person presentation & Q&A			
4. PROJECT PLAN	10 POINTS		DUE BEFORE COMPETITION Jan 10
Teams complete a Project Plan to help them plan and organize their work. They use it throughout the project.			

Total Points last year = 197
Total Points this year = 201

Nov. 1 Set Goals
Nov 15 Create Schedule
Dec 13 Conduct Check-in
Jan 10 Reflect

FUTURE CITY– TEACHER QUICK START

Teachers have asked for help navigating Future City. Check out:

- Future City Handbook Pages 45-50 **Leading Your Team.**
- **Future City Getting Started** guide in the resource section of CMS.
- **Future City: Teacher Experience Video.** Some of our veteran Washington Future City Teachers offer their advice.



COMPETITION TIMELINE

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Events

Oct 31	Last Day to Register
Nov 1	Set Goals
Nov 15	Create a Schedule
Dec 13	City Essay & Conduct Check-in Session
Jan 8	City Essay w/ Late Penalty
Jan 10	Reflect on Project Team Confirmation
Jan 18	Competition Day City Model City Presentation
Feb 15-19	Nationals

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DEADLINES & DATES



FOR 2024-2025 COMPETITION

- **Flexible competition format** - We are planning on an in person regional competition, but will stay alert for potential COVID impacts that could force us back to a virtual week long competition. For teams over 500 miles away, we will have option for teams attending our regional competition day in a virtual room.
- **CMS User Dashboard.** The streamlined website allow users to manage their teams, check deadlines, access resources, and more.
- **Future City Website** is integrated with the CMS User Dashboard.
- **Virtual City – NOT REQUIRED:** Teams can use SimCity as an educational tool (codes will be provided) but nothing is submitted or scored.
- **Paperless Forms** - Media waiver, honor statement, homeschool affidavit, and expense forms can be found in the Resources section of CMS
- **Advancing to Future City Finals –** Check out page 70 of the hand book. This covers information on:
 - ✓ Registration and Travel
 - ✓ Transporting Your Model
 - ✓ Regional Winners Team Video & Photo

FOR 2024-2025 COMPETITION

Background Checks Team mentors must complete their background checks and **be cleared by January 5th**. Future City mentors will be prompted to initiate the process when they register via the Competition Management System (CMS). Unfortunately, we cannot accept a completed background check from another organization. Background checks vary, some only address instances of financial fraud, for example. This background check will be conducted once every three years.

Shipping Model to Washington DC Teams are responsible for the cost of shipping or transporting all models to and from Finals. Our regional committee will work to figure out a budget for shipping.

Special Awards Not Confirmed yet – last year we had...

- ✓ Best Land Surveying Practices sponsored by NCEES
- ✓ Outstanding Project Plan sponsored by the Project Management Institute Educational Foundation
- ✓ Best Visualization of a Smart, Sustainable City by American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)

REGIONAL INFORMATION

- All teams can compete for Regional Awards. If you know of a company or individual who would like to sponsor a Regional award – let us know.
- Note - City Essay is due Dec. 13, 2024. This will help both our teams and judges manage their time. There is a 5-10 deduction for late submittals.
- Note - Project Plan separated into 4 deliverables. There is a 5 pt deduction for missed project plan deadline.
- For Multiple Team Format from one school you may bring 3-5 teams to represent your school. This will depend on our total team numbers this year. We will be working with you on knowing your active team count . Stay tuned for the final team numbers.
- Stay tuned for Virtual Office Hours: Can include discussion around Future City Program Details, Onboarding new schools and Teacher Input Sessions
- Thank you to Shoreline Community College for their continued partnership with Future City.



COMPETITION TIMELINE – DETAILS

By October 31, 2024

**Future City Registration should be completed –
*BUT SOONER IS BETTER***

Friday Nov. 1rd

Project Plan Set Goals

Friday Nov. 15th

Project Plan Create a Schedule

Friday, Dec. 13th

**Project Plan Conduct Check In Session &
City Essay (1500 words)**

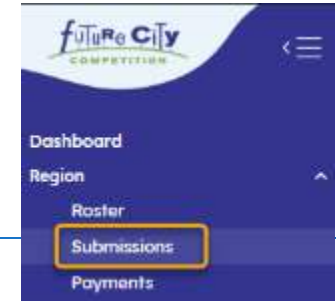
**Note –essay is due before Winter Break to help
our teams and judges manage their time.**

- 5 pt deduction for submittals before, Dec. 20, 2024
- 10 pt deduction for submittals turned in between Dec. 21 and Jan..

**Note – Project Plan Deliverables are set to
support the teams success**

- 5 pt deduction for late project plan submittal

**Deliverables
uploaded
to CMS**



Friday, January 5, 2025

- **Mentors must have cleared their background check.**

Friday, January 10, 2025

- **Project Plan –Reflect on Project**
- **Final Team Confirmation**
- **Competition Expense Form**
- **Honors Statement**
- **Media Waiver Form**
- **Home School Affidavit**

**Saturday, January 18, 2025 Regional Finalist
Competition Day – in person**

- **Morning Prelim & Afternoon Finals – City Model, City Presentation and City QA**
- **Guest Speaker**
- **Awards – Team Recognition, Regional Awards and Finalists**

**February 15-19, 2025 National Future City
Competition**

Our first place winner moves on to Nationals!

ORGANIZING YOUR FUTURE CITY STUDENTS

Official Team



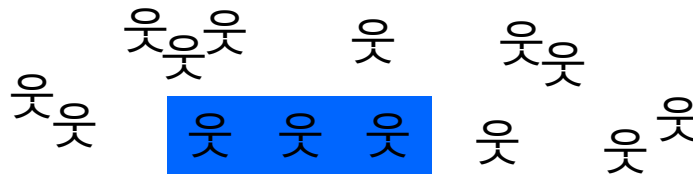
Includes three student representatives, one educator, and one mentor. Most regions welcome teams larger than three students: however, only the three official student representatives present the team and answer questions at the competition.

Multiple Teams



An organization can form multiple teams under one educator account. Check with your [Regional Coordinator](#) to see how many teams may compete in the Regional Competition.

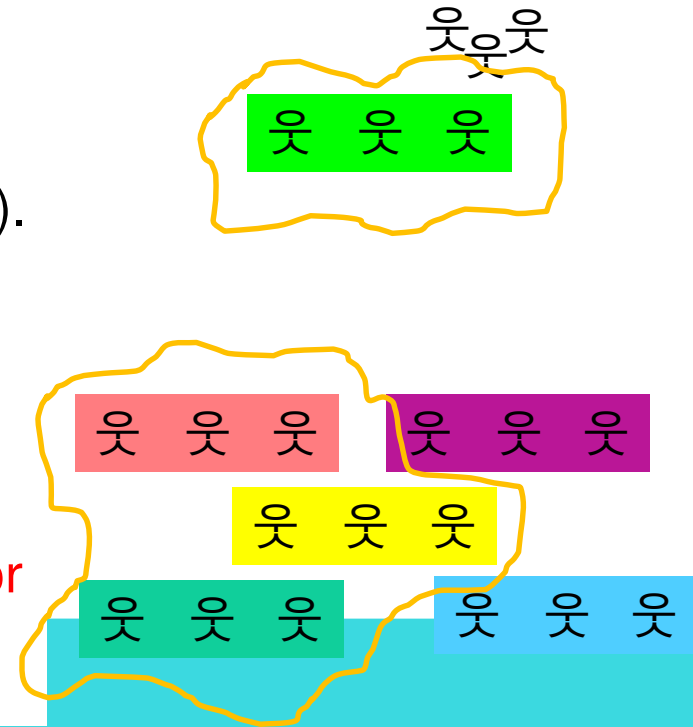
Other Team Formats



Some classrooms or clubs choose to work in one large team and break the work into smaller groups.

ORGANIZING YOUR FUTURE CITY STUDENTS

- The “other team format” or “larger than three presenting students” is a great way to involve more students in the program.
- Keep in mind though that if you choose a format with more than three students, your group will have to self-select the same three students for the City Presentation and Q&A (which have been chosen by teacher or peers). Those will be the three “official student team members” for both the Regional and National Competitions.
- Depending on our team numbers for Multiple Teams from one schools you may bring 3-5 teams to represent your school. Stay tuned for the final team number.



Reminder – For larger team formats, only the same three presenters can participate in the City Presentation and the City Q&A with the Judges.

CAN FUTURE CITY BE CUSTOMIZED FOR MY STUDENTS?

Keep an open dialogue with the Regional Coordinator about the needs of your team. Even if your teams do not complete all the competition deliverables, they may still have an option of presenting at the Regional Completion. While they would not be eligible to move to the final round of competition in the afternoon, there could be some Regional Awards those teams could compete for. They would also receive certificates of participation and swag bags.

Can I Still Do Future City Without Competing? Yes! Anyone is welcome to register (for free!) and access Future City's full library of resources. Many regions encourage teams to participate in the competition even without all the deliverables completed—this is known as being a “partial competitor.” Check with your Regional Coordinator to see if the partial competitor option is offered in your region



Future City Aligns with Academic Standards

Go to futurecity.org/resources (filter for Standards) and download PDFs showcasing how Future City aligns with:

- Common Core State Standards
- Next Generation Science Standards
- Benchmarks for Science Literacy
- National Education Technology Standards
- Principles and Standards for School Mathematics
- Performance Indicators for Technology-Literate Students

CAN FUTURE CITY BE CUSTOMIZED FOR MY STUDENTS?

YES – TEAMS CAN DO ALL DELIVERABLES TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE REGIONAL PRELIMINARY COMPETITION - OR DELIVERABLES CAN BE CUSTOMIZED TO FIT YOUR CURRICULUM.

Future City Curriculum Connections & 21st-Century Skill Development

COMPETITION DELIVERABLES	Math	Science	Research	Writing	Civics/ City Planning	Public Speaking	Engineering Design Process	Problem Solving	Teamwork	Project Management
CITY ESSAY Describe your city and solution to a citywide sustainability issue.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
CITY MODEL Build a scale model using recycled materials.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
PROJECT PLAN Complete project plan to stay organized and focused throughout the project.				✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
CITY PRESENTATION Showcase your city's innovative features in a short, filmed video.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CITY Q&A Discuss your city with a panel of judges.		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

FINDING AN ENGINEERING MENTOR

Mentors

Mentors work alongside the Educator and act as a coach and role model, share real-life STEM experiences, offer technical guidance, and help translate academic concepts to the real world of engineering and city design.



Time Commitment

About 15-25 hours throughout September - February

Who can be a mentor?

Engineers, technicians, urban planners, Project managers, architects, undergrad or graduate students studying a related field

**Mentors must complete Discover E background check by Jan. 5th.
– submit in CMS**

FINDING AN ENGINEERING MENTOR

Benefits of Recruiting Your Own Engineering Mentor

- Self interest: Volunteers with a close relationship to your school (e.g., parents of your students) will automatically be more interested in helping to enhance the learning process
- Knowledge: Local volunteers will have an increased awareness of local concerns and the resources and goals of your school
- Better outcomes: You have a better chance for success with a volunteer you have chosen.

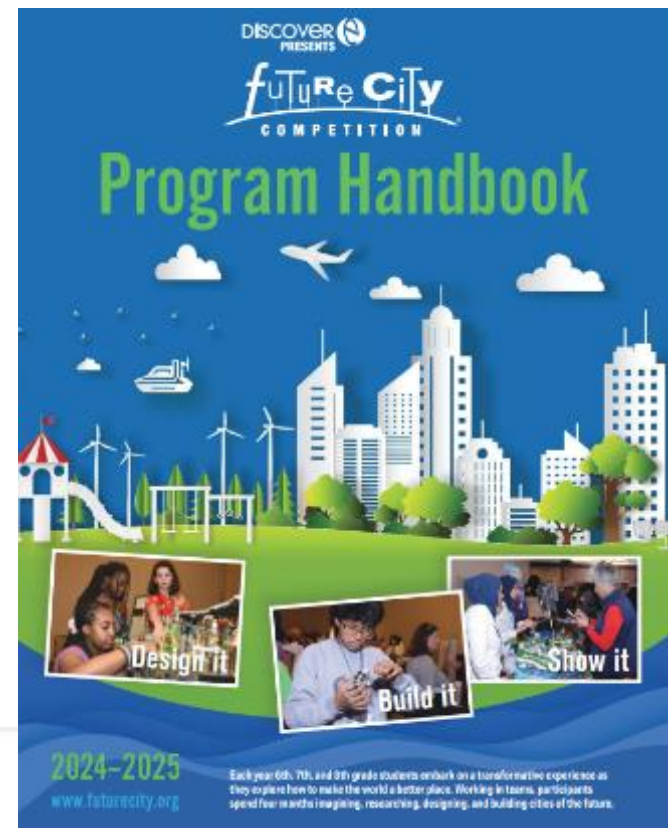
Finding Engineering Mentor

- Use Partner-Mentor-Recruitment-Flyer one pager handout provided by your regional coordinator.
- Ask an engineer who has visited your classroom on other occasions (career days, science fair judging).
- Appeal to the parents of the students in your class or school. Place an article in the school newspaper or send a letter home with the students.
- Check with your colleagues at the school. Perhaps one of them is married to or knows an engineer.
- Contact your school's business partners. A local contact that has made a community commitment is an "easy" target.
- Contact your City's Bureau of Engineers. City partnerships with the local school district are usually a priority.
- Tap into other community resources such as YMCA, PTA, churches, museums. They may have volunteers that are willing to help.
- Issue a school press release announcing your participation and the need for a volunteer.
- Look in the phone book under "Engineering" firms. Call to see if they are interested in education programs and community service.
- Check with the local chapters of the major engineering professional associations

<http://pseconline.org/Societies/>

FUTURE CITY HANDBOOK

The handbook is available on-line for download for registered schools in CMS.



Resource title	Resource type	Category	Upload Date	Action
Working Together: The Engineering Design Process and Project Management Cycle	Video	Resource	7/31/2024	Watch
2024-2025 Theme Description	PDF	Theme Resources		Download
Finals Frequently Asked Questions	PDF	Finals		Download

FUTURE CITY HANDBOOK DESIGN

To help guide your students the handbooks leads with sections to hi-lite this years challenge and brings the break down of each deliverable to the front of the handbook.

The project management sections – define, plan, do and review sections are the core of Future City.

To help you guide your students, you will see the Educator Dashboard and Dig Deeper Links throughout the handbook.

- Links to your CMS dashboard resources.



Educator Dashboard

Visit Dashboard.FutureCity.org for easy access to all Future City resources, including student handouts, activities, due dates, and more!

- Links to inspire with EWEEK YouTube Videos



Get Inspired!

Check out videos of high scoring models from previous years on the Future City YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/user/EWEEKFUTURECITY

- Links to dig deeper



DIG DEEPER

Students can practice applying the engineering design process with:

- Tower Building Activity Resources section of the Educator Dashboard at FutureCity.org.
- Cargo Bridge Game (<http://www.engineering.com/GamesPuzzles/CargoBridge.aspx>)

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READ THE HANDBOOK AND REFER TO IT OFTEN. IT WILL BE YOUR SECOND BEST FRIEND!!!

FUTURE CITY WEBSITE



Integrated with CMS
– your quick access
to information

Streamlined
information for
Parent/Students and
Future City Roles for
Teacher/Mentors

Engineer Design
Process:
Define, Plan, Do and
Review



Future City is a program of DiscoverE. DiscoverE is a nonprofit dedicated to providing global resources, programs, and connections between K-12 students and engineers and STEM professionals. We have a special focus on reaching girls, and under-represented and under-served students. DiscoverE is the backbone organization behind some of the earliest and most broadly adopted STEM and engineering

Handy Links - bottom of web page

Program	Competition	Community
What is Future City	Regions	Facebook
Why Future City	Gallery	YouTube
Who Participates	Register	Twitter
How It Works	Log in	
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Link to Washington
Region Website

WASHINGTON FUTURE CITY WEBSITE

On our homepage you will find a welcome, region overview and our “Future City Basics – Teacher Experience” Video

CMS Login

DISCOVER FUTURE CITY COMPETITION

What is Future City Why Future City Who Participates How It Works Future City High School

FUTURE CITY REGION

Washington (Seattle)

DEADLINES & DATES

Category	Icon	Deadline
City Essay	Document with pencil	December 15, 2024
City Model	City buildings	January 18, 2025
City Presentation	Person at podium	January 18, 2025
City Q&A	Headset with question mark	January 18, 2025
Regional Competition	Trophy	January 18, 2025
Project Plan	Map	November 1, 2024
Part 1	1	November 1, 2024
Part 2	2	November 15, 2024
Part 3	3	December 13, 2024
Part 4	4	January 10, 2025

Competition Day +

Competition Guidelines +

Mentors Needed +

Judges Needed +

Regional Schedule +

Sponsors +

Our Committee +

For additional regional information – check out these sections in the second half of the webpage

<https://futurecity.org/washington>

COMPETITION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (CMS)

The screenshot displays the 'Future City Dashboard' for user Karen Pavletich. The dashboard includes a navigation sidebar on the left with options like Dashboard, Region, Resources, Competition, Coordinator, Volunteer, Schedule, Reports, and Competition. The main content area features a personalized welcome message, a 'Getting started' section with three tasks (Deliverable Dates, Competition Date, Account Profile and Region Settings), and 'Upcoming deadlines' and 'Region stats' sections. The region stats show 0 Teams, 19 Educators, and 0 Students.

Welcome, Karen Pavletich!
Washington (Seattle) Region

Getting started
Complete the following steps to set up your region and prepare for competition!

- Deliverable Dates**
Set your deliverable due dates in the schedule.
- Competition Date**
Set up your regional competition date.
- Account Profile and Region Settings**
Complete your account profile and configure your region's settings.

Upcoming deadlines ▾

Region stats ▲

0 Teams	19 Educators	0 Students
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You should see a personalized dashboard. Here is what mine looks like...

Response to your new CMS that launched last fall has been very positive.

- Personalized dashboard to easily view your teams and students
- System is more user friendly.
- Easier to manage deliverables.

CMS RESOURCES SECTION

The **resource section** of the CMS can be filtered by:

- Activities and Background
- Essay
- FC Branding
- Finals
- Forms
- Handbook and Student Handouts
- Instructions
- Presentation
- Project Plan
- Research Resources
- Resources
- Rules and Rubrics
- SimCity
- Theme Resources

Or you can search for a single deliverable. This is where to find the most up to date resources.

The screenshot shows the 'Resources' page of the Future City Competition CMS. The left sidebar is dark blue with white text, listing navigation options: Dashboard, Region (with a dropdown arrow), Roster, Submissions, Payments, Resources (with a dropdown arrow), Competition (highlighted with a red box), Coordinator, Volunteer, Schedule, Reports, Competition (with a dropdown arrow), and Finals Results. The main content area is white. At the top left is the 'Resources' header, and at the top right is a help icon (a question mark in a circle). Below the header is a 'Quick Access' section with three document cards. Each card has a document icon, a title, and a 'PDF | View' link. The cards are: '24-'25 Program Handbook, Getting Started Guide, and Official Competition Rules. Below this is an 'Explore All' section. It features a filter dropdown menu with 'All' selected (highlighted with a red box) and a search bar with a magnifying glass icon (also highlighted with a red box). Below the search bar is a table of resources.

Resource title	Resource type	Category	Upload Date	Action
Working Together: The Engineering Design Process and Project Management Cycle	Video	Resource	7/31/2024	Watch
2024-2025 Theme Description	PDF	Theme Resources		Download
Finals Frequently Asked Questions	PDF	Finals		Download

TEACHER SUPPORT

We want your input and feedback.
You can call, email or set virtual
meeting any time –
karen.pavletich@PSE.com

**Stay tuned for Virtual
Workshop Invites:** Future City
Program Details, Onboarding
new schools and Teacher Input
Sessions



REGIONAL COMPETITION

- When
 - Saturday, January 18, 2025
- Where **Shoreline Community College**

9000 PUB Building
9114 16101 Greenwood Ave. N. Shoreline, WA
<https://www.shoreline.edu/map/directions-to-campus.aspx>
- Time
 - Registration will open at 7:30 a.m. Final schedule will depend on number of teams actually attending
 - Team Confirmation is due **Jan 10, 2025** – in CMS
- Cost
 - Team members provide their own transportation, meals and any overnight expenses



See what our in person competition looks like!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tTx7j99TxRg>

- ✓ **Work with students and parents – this is a full day commitment**
- ✓ **Mentor background check must be cleared by Jan 5, 2025.**

REGIONAL COMPETITION FORMAT

- “preliminary competition”
 - Typically up to 3-5 teams from each school may compete*
- “finalist competition”
 - 5 finalists from the preliminary competition
 - Only one finalist from any individual school
 - All teams and guests invited



Morning “preliminary competition”

Afternoon “finals”



*depends on number of schools and teams participating, we will keep you updated

COMPETITION FORMAT – REGIONAL AWARDS

TBD

Best Overall Score for First Year School

Best Use of Scale The team that best utilizes the space allowable to build their city.

Most Innovative Moving Part The most energy efficient (uses the least energy for the task it does), structurally efficient (highest strength to weight ratio, best use of materials), and functionally efficient (simplest for the task it does).

Best Community Services The city that has the best ways to give back to those in need and/or their environment and/or the city that has the most fun recreational activities for their citizens.

Most Spirited The team that had the best team spirit based on how well their presentation and model showed team collaboration, respect, and spirit.

Best overall city essay

Best Overall Equitable Solution for 100% Electric City Most innovative and comprehensive resource mix to support **ALL** citizens in your city.

Best Project Plan

Most advanced technology in City Essay



EXPENSE FORM – COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Why is there a \$100 limit?

This rule was established to ensure equity among teams and to encourage students to creatively use recycled materials.

2. When can we assign a zero value?

Items that are allowed in a home or school recycling bin (such as paper, plastic bottles, glass jar, or metal cans) or items found for the trash (like used-up batteries, bottle caps, used plastic utensils, etc.) can be assigned a zero \$ value.

3. How do we figure out the fair market value?

Items that are donated or have been previously used but can't be recycled (such as mirrors, foam core, dowels, wood, magnets, holiday ornaments, old toys, lab coats, etc.) need to be assigned a fair market value. Fair market or salvaged value may be determined by pricing found at a yard sale, auction, classified ad, surplus store, e-recycling service, etc.

4. What about items we take apart?

Many teams take apart computers, electronics, or other items to “harvest” interesting parts. These items need to have a value assigned. Facebook Market place or EBay is an easy place to start.

See Page 40 of the Competition Handbook.

Description of City Model Materials	Purchased	Donated	Recycled	Expense/Value
Assorted paint from parent's garage		•		\$2.00
Two one-liter soda/pop bottles			•	\$0.00
Egg carton			•	\$0.00
Toy train		•		\$0.50
Motherboard from scrapped computer			•	\$2.50
Green LED lights	•			\$4.50
Subtotal A—City Model Expenses:				\$9.50

Description of City Presentation and Q&A/Special Award Materials	Purchased	Donated	Recycled	Expense/Value
Foam poster board	•			\$9.00
5 pages of color printing	•			\$5.00
Top hat (costumes)		•		\$3.00
Lab coat (borrowed from teacher)		•		\$2.00
Subtotal B—City Presentation and Q&A/Special Award Materials Expenses:				\$19.00

Subtotal A \$9.50 + Subtotal B \$19.00 = Total Expenses \$28.50

RULES & SCORING DEDUCTIONS

Have students review pages 42 – 44 often and carefully!

Official Competition Rules

General

- The Future City Competition is open to eligible 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students who are enrolled in a public, private, parochial, or home school or live most or all of their lives in a nationally recognized, or state-recognized organization, such as the Scouts, Boy and Girl Clubs, 4-H, etc. If you are unsure if your organization is eligible to participate, please contact FutureCity@DiscoverE.org. Future City is the sole and exclusive authority to determine whether an organization is eligible to participate and has the right to require additional documentation to verify eligibility.
- Student team members must be from the same school or organization, unless otherwise approved by Future City staff. Students cannot be on multiple teams.
- Organizations may register in only one region. If they wish to transfer to a different region, they must receive the approval of the Regional Coordinator. Teams must commit to a specific region.
- An official competition team is made up of students, one registered mentor (no educators or mentors, members may present or answer during the Presentation and Q&A).
- Team mentors are defined as the adult(s) who are the primary contact for the team. Future City Coordinators, Future City Dual board(s), or other staff may be designated as mentors, but they must be approved by the Regional Coordinator.
- The team members that compete in the Finals Competition must be the same team members that won the Regional Competition. You may select one student to act as the alternate for each Region at the Finals. The alternate may only be used if one of the original three students can not compete due to illness or family emergency. This alternate may only compete upon the approval of the Regional Coordinator for the Regional Competition and the Program Manager for the Finals.
- At least 20 schools/organizations must be registered in a region by October 31, 2023 in order for that region's winner to advance to the Finals Competition.
- Home school educators must submit an affidavit to their Regional Coordinator stating that the student is receiving the majority in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grades. Regions reserve the right to require proof of home school student registration for participation in a program.
- Deliverable guidelines vary by region and are listed in the Future City Dashboard. If deadlines are missed at the Regional or Finals level, points will be deducted.
- At regional competitions, only one team from a school or organization can advance to the final round of judging. All competitors with a single judge provided, only one team from a school or organization may be awarded a place in the top five overall teams.

- All team members must sign and submit the Honor Statement online prior to the regional deadline.

City Essay

- Students must include a reference page citing at least three sources of information with the essay. (Note: Wikipedia cannot be cited as a reference.)
- The maximum word count is 1,500. Initial tabulation is done by the "word count" tool within the word processing software. The final word count does not include the title and reference list but does include a caption and words that appear within a graphic, illustration, or table. A maximum of four graphics or illustrations are allowed.
- The City Essay File must be uploaded as a word processing document.

- All materials used must be listed on the Competition Expense Form and their value documented for the Model, Presentation and Q&A, and special awards. This includes donated and borrowed items at fair market value.
- A team may use up to four distinct scales if they are clearly defined, easily determined by sight, and indicated on their index card.
- Use of 3D printers for any model materials must be assessed using the following values, which account for the cost of filament and the hardware printer:
 - White 3D printing: \$2.00 per cubic inch
 - Color 3D printing: \$5.00 per cubic inch
- Material used—whether seen or heard—must be on the competition expense form using these values:
 - Microcontroller boards (e.g., Raspberry Pi, Arduino) are valued at \$20.00. The full cost is listed on the expense form. A value is required to be listed.
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Competition Rules split into sections:

- General
- City Essay
- City Model
- City Presentation and Q&A

- Teams must design a team model or model segments. Teams may not use previous years' models. Previous models may be broken down and scavenged for materials, including the base model platform. Any previously used materials must be reconfigured in a new and original manner and assigned a percent market value. Teams do not need to include the cost of their final empty base (e.g., the cost of plywood or similar material) in the expense form.
- The city model in its basic state must not exceed 25" (60) x 50" (127) x 20" (51). During the Presentation and Q&A, it is permissible to have extended parts, such as access doors, compartments, and platforms, as long as they are fully self-supported by the model, or—if removable—held by a presenter. If the team makes multiple model segments, they must adhere to the overall size restrictions noted above when placed together on a table/desk.
- Prohibited model items: live animals, perishables/food, drinks or other flying objects, hazardous items (including dry ice, and live fire), or other items that are not safe to use in the model. If an item is self-contained or removable.
- Each model must include a moving part. A team with multiple model segments is only required to create one moving part, not one for each segment.
- Power sources must be self-contained, (e.g., a household battery), simple circuitry. Use of electrical wall or floor outlets is not allowed.
- The total value of the materials used in the Model, Presentation, Q&A, and special awards (including visual aids, costumes, color copying/printing, 3D printing, and other decorations and awards) may not exceed \$100.

Scoring Deductions

By completing all five deliverables, teams can earn up to 197 points. Judges evaluate each deliverable in accordance with the rubrics. The score a judge assigns is final. At the Regional Competition, the Regional Coordinator has the final

word on any dispute. At the Finals Competition, the judges' decisions are final. There is no appeals process at either level of competition.

	Penalty	Description
GENERAL	5-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Missed deadline for any deliverable (Deadlines are set by Regional Coordinator; check with them to see if late submissions are accepted.) Missed deadline for Honor Statement or Competition Expense Form & receipts
	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exceeds the \$100 expense limit or misrepresents the values of materials used in the city model and/or presentation
	Earns 0 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exceeds the \$100 expense limit or misrepresents the values of materials used in the city model and/or presentation
Deductions		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Destruction of another team's work or materials or actions Unsportsmanlike conduct, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rude behavior or disruption of judging by any team member or guests Comments from team members or team supporters that malign, disparage, or harass regional coordinators, staff, or volunteers
	5-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incomplete or late
PROJECT PLAN	5-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incomplete or late
CITY ESSAY	2-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exceeds 1,500 word limit (includes all words besides title and reference list—including captions and words in graphics, illustrations, and tables)
CITY MODEL	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Missing team identification card
	5-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reuses a past model without reconfiguring it in a new and original manner Exceeds size restrictions of the model (combined model segments collectively) Uses a prohibited item (see rule 25)
CITY PRESENTATION AND Q&A	5-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation exceeds the time limit Anyone on the team other than the three official team members answers judges' questions Team does not follow instructions from the timekeeper and/or moderator

Note: Regional Committee will provide guidelines in December.