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## FCC NTX UPDATE – SIMCITY INFO, DATES, TRAINING SESSIONS

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We are still registering schools for the 2014-15 year, however, at this point, we already have more than the minimum we need to qualify to send our region's winner to the national competition.

### BOOKMARK THE NTX TEAMCENTER

[www.dfwfuturecity.org/teamcenter.html](http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/teamcenter.html) - please bookmark this page. From here you will find links to system login, resources, schedule, rules, updates and other information for participants.

### SET UP TO RECEIVE SYSTEM EMAILS

The Team Center will send you emails for password resets, deliverable submissions, etc. These emails will come from [north\\_texas@futurecity.org](mailto:north_texas@futurecity.org). Please make sure your email system will recognize and accept communications from this source.

### SIMCITY

- The first step to receiving your SimCity is to complete the second half of your registration process – an online survey on your program details. You need to do this before HQ will send you the download codes. Log into the Team Center (link above) and complete the form.
- Extra SimCity download codes – HQ has determined that they can issue more than the 3 download codes to groups with multiple teams. If you need more codes, contact Maggie Dressel [mdressel@nspe.org](mailto:mdressel@nspe.org).
- UPDATED DOWNLOAD info – I have updated the download information for SimCity. See the SimCity Instructions section of the NTX resources page (under the Team Center). [http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/SC\\_DL\\_Instr\\_updttd.pdf](http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/SC_DL_Instr_updttd.pdf). This document covers using SimCity in offline mode, as well as how to set up Origin and SimCity on multiple computers for multiple teams.
- I have also added a document with my personal tips and suggestions on successfully playing SimCity. You will find this document in the SimCity Instructions section of the NTX resources page (under the Team Center).

### DUE DATES

I have received confirmation of the date of the Regional Competition event ... it will be 31 January 2015 at UT Arlington, Nedderman Hall. Consult the schedule at [www.dfwfuturecity.org/team\\_sched.html](http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_sched.html) for detailed information on due dates for the SimCity, Essay and Narrative deliverables and late submissions.

### TRAINING SESSIONS

Both NTX and National will be hosting webinar training sessions. The first National training will be on the essay topic and is scheduled for Wed, 8 Oct, from 3-4:30pm. Register at: <http://cts.vresp.com/c/?DiscoverE/5923c37a68/a4ed169068/668765afe8>. A recording of the session will be available afterwards on the National website.

I am scheduling a series of training sessions for NTX. Topics will include: Program Overview and Orientation, City Planning and SimCity Tips. These will also be held as webinars during October. Stay tuned for specific times. Recordings of all will be available afterwards.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Good Luck!

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