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FCC NTX Update: Model Slideshow due, Video Presentation next

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MODEL SLIDESHOW DUE FRIDAY, 17 DECEMBER (initial due date)

The first deadline for the Model slideshow is Friday, 17 December. Late submissions are acceptable (for the next month) through 14 January with a penalty. -5 points for files received 18 Dec-7 Jan. -10 points for files received 8 Jan-14 Jan.

Upload .pdf files through the Team Center (www.dfwfuturecity.org/teamcenter.html).

NOTE: The moving part video is submitted separately this year – upload your video to a publicly accessible site and enter the URL into the team center system. (Make sure the video is publicly viewable and not private.) I apologize for not realizing that the requirements stated that the URL be submitted separately from the slideshow (a change from last year). I have now added the capability to make the URL submission into the system.

VIDEO PRESENTATION IS NEXT DELIVERABLE – due 14 Jan

For this year’s virtual competition, the team will record and upload a 7 minute (max) video team presentation. Three students make up the team (No more than three students. Fewer students are permissible, but will lose a point or two on the rubric under the “teamwork” category.)

The primary visual aid should be the model (segments). Other visual aids are allowed (see rules) – but make sure they are clear, recognizable and understandable on your video. Any additional visual aids, costumes, and props used in the presentation video need to be included in the team’s expenses.

Students can record the presentation together as a team. Or, if working remotely, can record a video-conference (e.g., Zoom) as their presentation. Or they can record separate segments and use video editing to splice together a complete presentation. Scores will be based on content rather than video effects. And, no copyrighted materials are allowed (including music, photos, or video clips). Note: the students should be doing all the work of recording and editing.

Upload the video to a publicly accessible site – such as YouTube and enter the URL into the FCC system.

Note: 14 Jan is the initial due date. You have until 21 Jan to upload the video (URL) with a small point deduction for late submission.

Presentation resources:

- Presentation tips: student handout (<https://futurecity.org/sites/default/files/2021-08/City%20Presentation%20Tips-StudentHandout.pdf>)
- NTX presentation resources and videos: http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_rsrc.html#more. Here you will find video presentations from top regional teams in 2020 and finalist presentations from NTX teams in previous national finals.

HEADS UP – many things are due in January. Consult the schedule: http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_sched.html for the complete list.

SPECIAL AWARDS JUDGING – will be 22 January. I will be in touch with you shortly on the process we will use for this year's judging. It will be similar to last year's and will include a Q&A session on the 22nd. We will be asking teams to sign up for a limited number of award categories they want to enter – I will send out the list of award categories in a few days. Note: the students involved in the Special Awards Q&A do not need to be the same three from the video presentation.

NTX REGIONAL Q&A JUDGING – will be 29 January. Again, I will be sending you the process we will use for scheduling the Q&A sessions shortly. Please check your email over the Winter break for any updates. This will be a 10-15 minute Zoom session with the judges. Student teams should plan on having their model (segments) and visual aids for demonstration during the Q&A. Note: again, the three students for the Q&A do not need to be the same three from the video presentation.

You'll probably be hearing from me a lot in the next few weeks. But, let me take this opportunity to wish you happy holidays and a safe and profitable new year.

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