Student Consultant Competition
REQUEST FOR A PROPOSAL

The Geotechnical and Structural Engineering Congress 2016 solicits interest from universities to compete for a $10,000 scholarship.

Teams of students and consultants will compete for a design commissioning for a new highway bridge project in small town America. The competition will be conducted by a presentation in front of a panel of judges, a format similar to real world competition between consultants. The winner will be determined at the Geotechnical and Structural Engineering Congress 2016; Monday, February 15, 2016; 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Introduction:
Consultant teams compete for infrastructure projects by responding to requests for proposals [RFPs]. Part of the process often includes a presentation of the team’s qualifications and design concepts in front of a panel of judges. A plenary session at the Congress will consist of three or four teams making a presentation in front of a panel of judges and the Congress audience.

Universities will lead the team of consultants in the preparation and presentation of materials for the session. The university will be required to:

1. Assemble the consultant team. It is envisioned that each university has contact with local geotechnical and structural engineering firms who can partner for this effort.
2. Complete entry forms as may be required by the Congress.
3. Lead meetings of the consultants for discussion of concepts, planning and preparation of RFP submission materials. Prepare meeting minutes.
4. Organize and lead presentation practice session(s).
5. Attend the Congress and assure the presence of the presentation team.

At this time, we are soliciting interest in participation. Since the session will be limited to three or four teams, the selection of the final competing universities will be based on the response to this request.

Requested Information:
Please provide the following information (a maximum of five pages, not including supporting letters) via a Letter of Interest including:

1. Description of your university’s approach to participation and organization to complete and present the materials
2. Student and faculty qualifications
3. List of potential industry partners and a brief description of their role
4. Contact information for all participants

Schedule:
May 8, 2015: Final date for letter of interest submission
November 20, 2015: Preliminary submittal of presentation forms and materials
February 15, 2015: Presentation in Phoenix, AZ

Send proposals to:
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