



Part 1 - Rules

REQUIRED FORMS

Contestants must complete and upload the following form with their entry:

NSF Form 1515 - One form per entry must be completed, signed, and uploaded with your final submission. Please check the box "NSF and External Use" to allow your concept paper submission to be posted on Challenge.gov, the NSF website, and NSF social media.

Please Note: While NSF Form 1515 specifies use of multi-media, which covers the solver's visual representation of the described concept, Part 1 winning submitters acknowledge that ideas submitted are not subject to copyright and agree to have their full submission (narrative and visual) posted on Challenge.gov for use in Part 2 of this challenge.

ENTRY GUIDELINES

Part 1

- All entries must be received by 11:59 p.m. ET on December 31, 2018.
- Narrative submissions must include a title and an executive summary not to exceed one page.
- Narrative submissions must include a visual representation of the described concept (e.g., architectural diagram, process flow, etc.)
- Solvers are encouraged to be succinct in their narrative submissions. It is expected that narrative descriptions not exceed 20 pages, including the executive summary and visual representations.
- Narrative submissions, executive summary documents, and visual representations must adhere to one or more of the following formats: Microsoft Word, Microsoft PowerPoint, Adobe PDF, or Visio.
- Narrative submissions must be formatted with one-inch margins and be in 12-point font, Times New Roman or Calibri.
- A challenge entry constitutes an agreement to adhere to the rules and stipulations set forth by the contest sponsor, NSF.
- Entrants must meet the eligibility requirements described in the Eligibility section.
- Any entrant or entry found in violation of any rule will be disqualified.
- Entries must not advertise or promote a commercial product visually or orally.
- Each individual or team entrant certifies, through submission to the contest, that the entry is his/her own original, creative work and does not violate or infringe upon the creative work of others, as protected under applicable intellectual property law.
- By entering the contest, the entrants agree to hold NSF harmless from all legal and administrative claims to include associated expenses that may arise from any claims related to their submission or its use.
- All Federal Career Compass judges' and NSF's decisions are final and may not be appealed.

- Participants understand that ideas cannot be patented or copyrighted, and that solvers will not retain exclusive ownership of the intellectual property or any of the content included in the concept papers.
- NSF will not be responsible for any claims or complaints from third parties about any disputes of ownership regarding the ideas, technology, white papers, prototypes, or images included in entries.
- Winners are responsible for all taxes or other fees connected with the prize received and/or travel paid for by the sponsoring organization.
- NSF reserves the right for any reason, including but not limited to an insufficient number of qualified entries, to modify or cancel the competition at any time during the duration of the competition.
- Should NSF decide to bring winning contestants to the Washington, D.C. area, or to any other location for promotional and other purposes, expenses paid by NSF will be within the limits set forth in law according to federal travel regulations.
- All contestants agree that they, their heirs and estates shall hold harmless the United States, the employees of the Federal Government, including all employees of NSF for any and all injuries and/or claims arising from participation in this contest, to include that which may occur while traveling to or participating in contest activities.
- NSF has the final say on any point not outlined in the entry rules.
- NSF, at its sole discretion, shall determine eligibility of any contestant or team, and may disqualify anyone at any time for any reason.