Hello Master Modelers!

Thank you for your interest in the Master Modeler Competition.  We are thrilled to see the level of enthusiasm coming from those registered for the competition so far.  We have just a few more days of registrations before the competition begins.

The next steps to move forward in the competition are as follows:

1. Use this link to “Join” MasterModeler T Square site:  <https://t-square.gatech.edu/portal/site/9b141282-d8e6-4307-b5e5-5e3ef20a5a48>
2. After 6 PM on January 29, go to the Resources section to find a spreadsheet of potential team members (“MMC FINAL REGISTRATIONS.xlsx”)
3. Go to the “Sign Up” tool and choose a time slot with other preferred team members – THIS MUCH BE COMPLETED BY FEBRUARY 2
   1. NOTE:  You’re not actually picking a ‘time’ – this is just a work around to get individuals into teams, and to show who is taken and who is available
   2. NOTE:  Each time slot represents a team, where 12 AM = Team A, 1 AM = Team B, 2 AM = Team C, and so on (we can rename the teams later)
4. Once you’ve decided on final team members using the scheduling feature from the step above, go to Section Info and “Join” the applicable team – THIS MUST BE COMPLETED BY FEBRUARY 5.

Once these teams are formed, you should be able to access the dataset, business statement, guidelines, schedule and allowed questions for the Ask the Expert panel, and other materials under the resource section.

Also – please save a few dates:

February 1, 4:30 PM, Larry O’Donnell from 360i (data sponsor) will be here to review the dataset.  We are attempting to record this session – but please try to be present.

We have optional sessions for you from very qualified experts in this field – the Ask the Expert Panel members include the following, and they are offering 30 minutes via conference call on the dates and times listed below.  Note that they will answer a set of pre-defined questions, and you can seek clarification or ask follow-up questions, but no new questions are allowed.

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| **Expert** | **Company** | **Date and Time of Session** |
| Rajkumar Bondugula | Equifax | 02/15, 10 AM |
| Kevin Baker | North Highland Consulting | 02/12, 2 PM |
| Trevis Literland | Equifax | 02/10, 10 AM |
| Tuhin Chattopadhyay | ValueLabs | 02/08, 10 AM |
| Alex Yurchenko | Black Book | 02/08, 11AM |
| Ram Krishnamurthy | Coca-Cola | TBD |
| Kristian Hammond | Narrative Science | 02/11, 1:30 PM |

More to come via T Square, and a huge shout out to our very generous sponsors, Yooniko and ProRelevant, as well as our data sponsor, 360i, for making this all possible!