

## **National Urban Policy Initiative Competition (NUPIC)**

### **Frequently Asked Questions & Answers**

**August 25, 2008**

**Q.** Is it possible to replace a principal investigator or prime contact, with another person's name for the *NUPIC*? I would really like to recognize another team member's leadership in the project?

**A.** Yes. Each team will get a chance to submit an abstract and team recognition sheet for distribution at the conference. No new team members will be permitted, however. If there are not any new revisions, organizers will use the selected material that was previously submitted.

**Q.** For the conference, I understand attendance and presenting is optional for 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams. We would like to send a representative from the team and present. We want to take direction from you on how much time there is, whether you think it would be a good contribution, and whether any other non-1<sup>st</sup> place teams will be presenting.

**A.** Both attendance and presentations are optional for 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams. Attendees are limited to two; the conference is now 'by invitation only.' Since our sponsors are local government oriented, please include a government or nonprofit team member on your travel squad, if possible. *NUPIC* monetary awards can be used to reimburse your travel cost. If 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams would like to present, please notify us of the time length for presentation (minimum and maximum), the presenters, and the AV media necessary. We will put the request on a 'standby' status until the final agenda is developed. A reminder: first place teams must be present to accept the award check.

**Q.** Can third place team attend the conference?

**A.** Yes, send us a list of those that would like to attend from the team. We will automatically invite the person on top of the list and later (mid to late August) we will let you know if others may attend.

**Q.** We have been following the *NUPIC* and would like to be kept informed about the conference. Also, we would like to read the final submissions.

**A.** The organizers will put your email on the conference 'list-serve'. The conference, on September 19<sup>th</sup>, is by invitation only. Please notify us if you would like to be placed on a 'wait list' until we can get an estimate of the number of attendees. Hard copies of the final applications will be available at Clark University for viewing prior to the conference. Please go to the IDCE Department at 10 Hawthorne St., Worcester, MA and ask for Paula Hall. Copying will not be permitted. The conference proceedings will be published and the 'list-serve' addresses will be notified of availability.

**Q.** Who will the award check be made out to, particularly for teams that are comprised of more than one organization?

**A.** It is up to the teams to decide which team member the award check will be made out to. Once teams decide, we will need a Social Security or identification number.

**Q.** Do the finalists have to go to the break out session/category that their paper was awarded in?

**A.** No.