

IDEASCOMPETITION

GUIDELINES

Submissions will be judged by a team from MetroLab Network and Smart Cities Lab. Submissions will be measured based upon their relevance to community needs and their technical scientific rigor, as outlined in the criteria below:

1. Community Relevance Does the submission introduce a challenge that:

- ▶ When solved, will improve the quality of life for residents in communities and have a societal impact?
- ▶ Addresses one or more of the four topic areas? [Equity & Access, Resilience, Mobility, and Built Environment]
- ▶ Applies to a broad set of communities in the United States?
- ▶ Is focused enough to create a competition of ideas among respondents?

2. Technical & Scientific Rigor Does the submission introduce a challenge that:

- ▶ Requires the development of new knowledge?
- ▶ Will have a positive impact on scientific knowledge in one or more academic fields?
- ▶ Integrates academic disciplines particularly mixing social and technical scientific discovery?
- ▶ Offers a platform for scientific discovery rather than posing a single very specific question?

3. Additional Factors The judging team will also look at challenges for their:

- ▶ Originality and creativity
- ▶ Relevance to pressing community and societal needs
- ▶ Potential to drive for collaborative solutions across sectors, including government, academia, industry, and non-profit
- ▶ Potential to meaningfully engage community partners, including local government, non-profits, and residents, in potential solutions.

Respondents should build a team to work jointly on their submission. To participate in the Ideas Competition, we recommend that you belong to one of the categories below:

A community, meaning a physical, geographically-defined entity, such as a town, city, or incorporated rural area, often consisting of various populations, with a governance structure and an ability to engage in meaningful ways with the proposed research.

Academics, researchers, students, and those engaged in the use of research to solve challenges facing our communities.

A non-governmental organization committed to working with communities and academics to help solve challenges facing our communities.

+ We encourage a team that includes at least one public agency and one academic who partner to develop the idea.

+ Even better, a team should include: representatives from across departments/functions from a city/community; representatives from multiple academic disciplines; and partners from the private sector and/or non-governmental organizations that would be critical in addressing the challenge that has been identified.

1. **Submissions** will be received until 11:59 p.m. EST on January 31, 2019.
2. Submissions will be completed via an online form.
3. Submissions must not advertise or promote a commercial product.
4. Each individual or team participant certifies, through submission, that the submission 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.
5. Submissions may be used in the development and marketing of the Civic Innovation Challenge. As such, all information including the names and institutions of submitters may be shared with a public audience and potential partners.
6. By submitting ideas, the participants agree to hold MetroLab Network and Smart Cities Lab harmless from all legal and administrative claims to include associated expenses that may arise from any claims related to their submission or its use.
7. MetroLab Network and Smart Cities Lab decisions are final and may not be appealed.