

PacifiCorp Design & Development Competition
Frequently Asked Questions

How much money do the directors want to spend?

It is up to you to determine reasonable and customary charges for the design and development of your solution and the implementation of that solution at the site.

Is this a real organization posing the problem?

It is a fictitious organization

Does the question presuppose a solution or are we supposed to research the best solutions ourselves?

All research should be conducted by you and your teammate and all solutions should be designed and developed by you and your teammate.

Do we know what the directors proposing the problem want us to do or is it part of our task to propose our own solution?

As always in the competition, it will be your job to determine a solution to the problem based on your expertise as designers.

Is there a time frame for how long our solution should take to be implemented?

You and your teammate should determine the time frame you find appropriate to solve the problem.

Can we pick our own mentors?

The planning team for the competition will select and assign mentors.

Do the final competition judges see our solution before we arrive?

All but one of the judges review phase II submissions and select the three finalists. There is one judge in phase III who will not have seen the prior submission.

What materials and support can we assume we have from the directors posing the problem? How do we know what the location is like in which we would be working?

You are given a general geographic location and should only assume that you have access to meeting space at the actual site. It will be the responsibility of the team to research the general geographic location and to make determinations as to population, environment, and community resources.

Should we include a budget in our presentation?

Yes do include a budget throughout your work on your solution and it is a good idea to be prepared to justify your budget.