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QUESTIONS CALL FOR CITIES: QUESTIONS TO THE ORGANISERS

The following questions have been sent to questions@energyendeavour.org. Every attempt has been made to give a concise, clear and consistent answer to these questions. Answers are provided within 24 hours and published on the SDE website at solardecathlon.eu

NOTE: February 18, 2017:

After careful consideration regarding timetable concerns expressed by interested cities, the SDE Secretariat will extend the deadline for Full Application. Full Applications are now due at **14:00 CET on March 20th, 2017**. Letters of intent are due, as planned, on February 24, 2017.

All other details in the Call for Cities are maintained as originally published. Questions regarding the Call for Cities and the extension can be sent to: <mailto:questions@energyendeavour.org>

Q01 Question 1: Will you accept applications from Switzerland?

Answer: Yes. Although Switzerland is not a member of the European Union or the EEA, its bilateral agreements that allow for the free movement of goods and citizens make it, for the purposes of this call, a member of Europe.
Answered 02.02.17

Q02 Question 2: Are the rules of 2014 in revision, or will they be used in a similar way? Would the organizers be allowed to revise the rules of 2014 (I remember contradictions and unclear structures)?

Answer: Yes. The organisers are expected to revise the rules to reflect local issues and the evolution of the Solar Decathlon competition worldwide. See Section 3.1.5 ii on Page 33 and Section 4.1 on Page 39.

Q03 Question 3: Is it necessary to hire previous SDE staff?

Answer: No. We strongly recommend seeking the expertise from previous events, but it is not necessary to hire anyone from previous SDE organisations.
Answered 02.02.17



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Q04 Question 4: Is it possible to keep some of the houses on site?

Answer: Yes. The Host City is free to set terms for the length of the competition or the presence of the houses. It is also possible for the Host City (or others) to acquire the houses during or after the competition. These conditions should be made clear in the Host City bid and then in the Rules for the SDE 2019.

Answered 12.02.2017

Q05 Question 5: Is it possible to charge admission to the Solar Village?

Answer: Yes. However: in the past, all Solar Decathlon events have been free of charge in order to attract as large an audience as possible. A small admission fee will likely hinder more attendance than it will raise revenue and so we recommend to not charge admission

Answered 12.02.2017

Q06 Question 6: Is the timetable set? - it seems to be a tight schedule.

Answer: Yes. The timetable was set with the US Call for Cities 2015 as a template.

Answered on the Webinar call, February 15, 2017

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Q07 Question 7: Is the SDE set for 2019? Is 2018 a possibility?

Answer: Yes to 2019, No to 2018. The Call for Cities will be followed by a Call for Teams which means Teams would have a little more than a year to design, build and assemble their houses. We see this as unrealistic. Furthermore, in 2018 there will be SD events in Dubai, UAE, Cali, Colombia and Dezhou, China. A fourth event will be difficult to organise. In 2019 we will then have an event in Denver, USA, Morocco and a European city.

Answered on the Webinar call, February 15, 2017



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Q08 Question 8: Is the budget of 10 million Euros a requirement?

Answer: No. In the Call for Cities Annex 2: (Excel spreadsheet), a typical budget based on the three previous events is given as a sample. Local costs for labour, site preparation and in-kind contributions will alter the budget needed for a successful SDE competition.

Answered on the Webinar call, February 15, 2017

Q09 Question 9: Does the Prime Applicant have to be a specific type of organisation?

Answer: No. The Prime Applicant can be a city or a separate legal entity - a limited company or non-profit. See Section 1.16

Answered on the Webinar call, February 15, 2017

Q10 Question 10: Is the Project Team the individuals or the organisations?

Answer: Individuals. The Project Team should identify who is designated to run the SDE 2019. See Section 2.3

Answered on the Webinar call, February 15, 2017

Q11 Question 11: Will the EEF help with fundraising?

Answer: No. Of course, the EEF will help where possible, but fundraising is part of the mandate of the Host City. The EEF is established to guide & oversee the Solar Decathlon brand in Europe, extending the values, calibre, mandate & vision of the US Department of Energy's original Solar Decathlon. It will identify outreach events, publications, representations requiring articles & reports for SDE website maintain consistent editorial message & tone, deploying SDE values (intrepid, ingenious, responsible) solicit editorial contributions, directing parallel copywriting initiatives for web, social media & other publications. Through these activities, the EEF will assist in fundraising activities as far as is possible.

Answered on the Webinar call, February 15, 2017

Q12 Question 12: What are the dates for the 2019 US Solar Decathlon?

Answer: Unknown. We can assume that the dates will be similar to the dates for 2017 in Denver, Colorado - currently published as October 5-15th, 2017

Answered on the Webinar call, February 15, 2017



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Q13 Question 13: Does this mean there will be a SDE event in 2021? When will the Call for Cities come out for that event?

Answer: Likely. The goal of the SDE Secretariat is to restart the two-year cycle of events in Europe. We are committed to lengthening the lead time to events and so a Call for Cities for a 2021 event could take place in 2018.

Answered on the Webinar call, February 15, 2017

Q14 Question 14: Is there a page limit for the letter of intent?

Answer: No.

The contents of the letter are described in Section 2.3 of the Call for Cities

Answered on February 17, 2017

Q15 Question 15: Does the letter of intent have to include the control number on the top right corner of every page or just the full application?

Answer: Yes, both.. Refer to Section 2.1 item iv.

Answered on February 17, 2017

Q16 Question 16: Who has to request the control number by e-mail from the application@energyendeavour.com (project leader or anyone from the lead applicants organisation) and what should this e-mail include?

Answer: Ideally, the Lead Person. A single control number will be given to each team by return email to the sender's email address. The email should name the Lead Person for the Prime Applicant as well as contact information (in order to return an email with the control number).

Answered on February 17, 2017

Q017 Question 17: What is the difference between project team and list of members?

Answer: The Project Team is the individual people on the team. The list of members is the list of legal entities (city, limited companies, non-profits, etc.) that make up the consortium.

Answered on February 20, 2017



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Q18 Question 18: When and how do the applicants have to pay the application fee?

Answer: The deadline for payment is anytime BEFORE the application deadline, which is at 14:00 CET 20.03.2017. The funds are to be transferred to:

Stichting Energy Endeavour

Address: Mekelweg 4 - 2628 CD - DELFT

Bank account: 547070179

BIC/SWIFT: ABNANL2A

IBAN: NL54ABNA0547070179

Ch. of Commerce number: 67613446

VAT: Not liable to VAT

Note: Please include your Control Number and "SDE2019 Call for Cities Application Fee".

Answered on March 14, 2017

Q19 Question 19: Regarding the CVs of the team members, do every team member have to write one page or can the CVs have to be one page all together?

Answer: The CVs of team members can be one per page or put together on one or more pages. As they do not count in the total page numbers, it is left to the Applicant to decide.

Answered on March 14, 2017

Q20 Question 20: Is any information about the jury available?

Answer: The article about the Jury Members and testimonials about the SDE can be found here: <http://solardecathlon.eu/jury-set-for-sde19-host-city-applications/>

Answered on March 14, 2017

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