ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

I. A “team” may be comprised of one or more individuals.

II. Projects must have originated at Georgia Tech, be housed at Georgia Tech, OR be founded by a Georgia Tech student or recent alum. Teams may contain members from other universities, but one of the founder(s) or chief executive(s) should be current Georgia Tech students or recent Georgia Tech alumni (for the 2017 competition, “recent alumni” are defined as individuals who graduated in either Spring 2016, Summer 2016 or Fall 2016.)

III. No full-time or part-time faculty member, instructor, or staff member will be eligible to compete. Faculty members, instructors, and staff MAY serve as advisors to students, or student teams that are competing.

IV. Any team that competed in the past, but did not receive a Finalist prize in the competition in any previous year, may re-submit the same idea, or a revised version of the same idea. Projects that received prizes in the final competition round of a previous year are ineligible for entry into the 2017 competition. The specialty prizes or Best Video, Best Poster and People’s Choice are not considered a Finalist Prize.

V. Any previous competitor is welcome to submit a new idea.

VI. Participants from other Georgia Tech competitions (e.g. Startup Competition, InVenture, etc.) are welcome to compete in Ideas to Serve if the product/service idea is consistent with the social/environmental value creation component of I2S.

VII. Interdisciplinary teams are encouraged but not required.

VIII. Teams must be classified as “early stage” in order to be eligible for the top prizes. “Advanced stage” teams are eligible to win the $2500 “Advanced Track” award as well as other “specialty prizes,” but are ineligible for 1st, 2nd place prizes in the Ideas Track. Please see the early vs. advanced classification document at http://scheller.gatech.edu/centers-initiatives/ile/i2s/index.html for further detail. These questions will also appear on the Intent to Compete form. The final decision on your track designation will be made by the I2S Committee. Track designations will be email to team leaders by March 3.

Questions about eligibility should be directed to Dori Pap: dori.pap@ile.gatech.edu