

**Q. Am I limited to the topic areas listed in the competition call?**

A. No, IBPSA-USA is looking for all project ideas that could advance building performance simulation and its impacts, and reduce its cost. The only limitations are that ideas for projects should typically be able to be completed in one to three years and range from \$10,000 to \$100,000 per year.

**Q. Can I submit more than one idea?**

A. Yes!

**Q. Does my proposal have to be 2 pages?**

A. No, it can be shorter but the maximum is 2 pages.

**Q. What is the prize for the winner?**

A. Winning ideas in this competition will receive a choice of incentive valued up to \$1,000.

**Q. Can a team submit a proposal, or only individuals can submit proposals?**

A. Yes, teams can submit a single proposal or work on multiple proposals. Individuals can also submit a single proposal or multiple proposals.

**Q. I won't be submitting a proposal but I am interested in helping to review proposals. Who do I contact?**

A. Please contact [admin@ibpsa.us](mailto:admin@ibpsa.us).

**Q. If I submit a project idea, will I be expected to perform the work?**

A. No, part of the submission package includes a question about envisioning a project team (such as experts needed), which may not necessarily include the submitter. The submitter can also indicate on the proposal if they'd like to be contacted to help develop a full proposal for future funding.

**Q. Will my project idea be kept confidential?**

A. All proposals will remain confidential and be retained by IBPSA-USA for the purpose of this competition and future full proposal development. The full proposals will be shared with reviewers. Only proposal abstracts will be shared in a public members' poll to aid in understanding of the project idea for voting purposes.

**Q. How many project ideas will be selected?**

A. At this time, one or two projects will be selected as winners.

This page will be updated as new questions are received. For additional information, contact [admin@ibpsa.us](mailto:admin@ibpsa.us).