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To: USENG\_PACE Integrators - ALL  
Cc: USENG\_PACE Core Team, USENG\_PACE Global Administrators-ALL  
Date: November 5, 2015  
Subject: PACE Collaboration and Innovation Challenge (CIC) - 2015-2016 Project Submissions due December 4<sup>th</sup> 2015.

Dear PACE Institution Faculty Integrators,

We are pleased to announce that the PACE Project Leadership Committee will again sponsor the PACE Collaboration and Innovation Challenge (CIC) project competition for the academic year 2015-2016.

The Collaboration and Innovation Challenge (CIC) project competition encourages PACE institutions to propose alternative PACE projects and to compete for the annual PACE CIC recognition award. A main focus of the CIC competition is to showcase new ideas and mobility related projects created by faculty and students of PACE Institutions and using PACE software. Collaboration is strongly encouraged in the proposed projects, whether interdisciplinary within the institution (i.e., between Industrial Design and Engineering), or among various institutions either within a country or across several PACE countries. In determining which projects are accepted, preference will be given to projects that involve two or more PACE institutions.

The objectives of the PACE CIC project competition include:

- To showcase innovative projects created at PACE Institutions
- To enhance collaboration between PACE Institutions
- To develop a stronger link between Engineering and Industrial Design
- To develop a stronger link between Engineering and Computer Engineering
- To develop a stronger link between Engineering and Materials Sciences
- To offer alternative project opportunities for PACE institutions
- To increase the interest of PACE students in PACE projects
- To further develop the application of the PACE software and hardware tools
- To increase the interest and participation of the PACE institution students and faculty at the Annual PACE Forum

The PACE CIC project competition offers an alternative project opportunity for all PACE Institutions, including those that do not participate in the PACE Reconfigurable Shared-Use Mobility Systems (RSMS) Global Collaboration Project. The 2015-2016 CIC project submission period is now through December 4<sup>th</sup> 2015, as per the attached project submission form. More information about the Collaboration and Innovation Challenge project and process is provided in the attached project summary. Please review both documents for recent modifications to the CIC competition and deliverables. Please contact the PACE Office for questions or clarification.

**New this year**, the project scope has been expanded to include **vehicular applications of electric, electronic and computer engineering**, as well as **developments in ergonomics of vehicle design**. The attached project brief

(PACE\_CIC\_ProjectBrief\_2015-2016.pdf) and submission form (2015-2016\_PACE\_CIC\_Project\_Submission\_Form.docx) documents provide additional details about the CIC competition for this year. Key dates are listed below.

Submit your project submission form by December 4th to [pace@nmsu.edu](mailto:pace@nmsu.edu) and copy the PACE office at [laura.mccausland@gm.com](mailto:laura.mccausland@gm.com) .

Sincerely,

PACE Project Leadership Committee

Task or Milestone	Date
Call for CIC proposals and submission form sent to PACE faculty	November 5th
Reminder email for CIC proposals	November 18th
Proposals due from PACE schools/faculty	December 4th
Proposal authors notified of acceptance for competition	January 15th
Interim project status report #1 due from CIC teams	March 18th
Judges confirm receipt of first interim status reports	April 1st
Interim project status report #2 due from CIC teams	April 15th
Judges confirm receipt of second interim status reports	April 29th
Suggested report template sent to CIC teams	April 29th
CIC FINAL Project reports due from CIC teams	May 30th
CIC teams notified of judging decisions for presentations	June 10th
CIC poster judging at PACE Forum	July 25-27th
CIC FINAL presentations at PACE Forum (~10 minutes/team)	July 27 (tentative)
1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners announced at PACE Awards Dinner	July 28th