# Autonomous Snowplow Competition







ION North Star Section
Outreach Program

**Autonomous Snowplow Committee** 

Collaborative Design Review (CDR)
Presentation Information & Outline
2021-22 Competitors

March 2021

### **CDR Presentation Overview**

- Collaborative Design Review (CDR) Objectives
  - Present to ASC Judges the vehicle design, collaborative vehicle design, and movies that demonstrate how the snowplow vehicles will plow the Single "I" and Triple "I" snowfields (Squad = 2 collaborative Teams)
- CDR presentation slides and movies must follow the provided outline
  - Standardize judging for all Teams/Squads
  - Squads can work together on collaborative CDR sections and movies
- CDR presentation slides and movies submission deadline: final version
  - 9 pm (Central Time); 6 April 2021
  - Instructions will be sent by 2 April 2021 to upload presentations and movies to an accessible Google drive

Teams and other interested parties (family, friends, colleagues)

\_\_\_\_\_are invited to view all CDRs

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# **CDR Presentation Setup**

- CDR presentation day: 8 April 2021
  - Presentation medium: Zoom Meeting (Video Conference)
    - ASC Committee will set up one Zoom Meeting for the entire CDR
    - ASC Committee requests all participants turn their cameras on!
  - Teams will be provided with a Zoom Meeting invite by 2 April 2021
- CDR presentation time: each Squad is allotted 40 minutes
  - Squads provide their 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> choices of time slots by 31 March 2021 (please see slide 7)
    - Email time selections: <u>vibhor.bageshwar@honeywell.com</u>
    - ASC Committee will make every effort to assign Squads with their first choice
    - ASC Committee will provide CDR schedule by 2 April 2021
  - First CDR presentation begins on April 8 at 5:00 pm (Central Time)



#### **CDR Presentation Format**

- 40 minute presentation time breakdown
  - Team 1, Student presentation:
     11 minutes maximum
  - Switch between Teams: 30 seconds
  - Team 2, Student Presentation:
     11 minutes maximum
  - Switch to Squads: 30 seconds
  - Squad (Teams 1 & 2) Presentation: 12 minutes maximum
  - Q&A with Judges:5 minutes maximum
- Team scoring and reviews
  - Team scoring will be returned to Team contacts: 11 April 2021
  - Team scores will be updated on website in May 2021

Presentation Time Breakdown is very strict;

Please time your presentations & slides to maintain schedule



#### **CDR Presentation Rules**

- CDR Presentation Outline: ASC Committee Hints
  - Judge's scoring form follows the outline exactly
    - Slide/Movie titles should match outline titles
    - Follow the slide/movie outline order
  - Address each section of the outline using at least one separate slide
    - Teams will not score points if sections of the outline are not addressed
  - CDR sections on collaborative operation
    - Teams are encouraged to collaborate on these CDR sections as these slides
       & movies will be presented by both Teams together
  - Use Figures and Tables to convey information to ASC Judges
    - Minimize the use of text where possible!!
    - Be sure to spend time to explain figures

# **CDR Summary: Actions**

Date	Actions
31 March 2021	<ol> <li>Select 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> CDR times (see slide 7)</li> <li>Email time selections to Vibhor</li> </ol>
2 April 2021	<ol> <li>Zoom Meeting information sent to Teams</li> <li>Google Drive site sent to Teams</li> <li>CDR Schedule sent to Teams</li> </ol>
6 April 2021	Upload final versions of CDR slides to Google Drive site by 9 pm (Central Time)
8 April 2021	CDR!
11 April 2021	CDR scores sent to Team contacts
May 2021	Website updated with CDR scores

## **CDR Presentation Schedule**

Squad (2 Teams)	CDR Time (Central)	
	5:00 pm	
	5:45 pm	
CDR Judges: 20 minute break		
	6:45 pm	
	7:30 pm	
CDR Judges: 20 minute break		
	8:30 pm	

# **CDR Presentation Scoring**

- CDR presentation scoring: 2 Categories
  - Team
  - Squad
- Team
  - PDR: 20% of the total Competition score for 2021
    - Based on the PDR's Single Individual Team presentation portion + PDR's Ability to Engage Audience
  - CDR: 80% of the total Competition score for 2021
    - Based on the Individual Team presentation portion indicated below

CDR Category	Scoring
Quality of Presentation Slides / Technical Presentation	40
Single I Movie	40
Ability to Engage Audience	20
Total Points	100



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    - Based on the PDR's Collaborative Team's Scores (2 Team average)
  - CDR: 80% of the total Competition score for 2021
    - Based on the Collaborative Team presentation portion indicated below

CDR Category	Scoring
Quality of Presentation Slides / Technical Presentation	30
Triple I Movie 1	30
Triple I Movie 2	30
Ability to Engage Audience (includes Q&A)	10
Total Points	100



### **CDR Presentation Outline: Team**

Slide Title	Suggested Format	Minimum # of Slides
Title Slide		1
Team Composition		1
Objectives	Text	1
Team Requirements	Table	1
Snowplow Vehicle Design	Figure	1
Failure Modes & Recovery Actions	Table	1
Overall Risk Assessment Summary	Table	1
Vehicle Design Challenges	Table	1
Single "I" Snowfield Movie	Movie	1

PDR slides can be reused; however, think about how to update the slides based on PDR comments

#### **Team Presentation Details 1/3**

- Title Slide (1 slide)
  - Team university/name/logo
  - Hint: superimpose vehicle or something interesting on slide
- Team Composition (1 slide)
  - Team composition
- Objectives (1 slide)
  - Team objectives for the Single "I" snowfield
  - Hint: consider all the tasks the snowplow vehicle has to accomplish
- Top-Level Requirements (1 slide)
  - Hint: a requirement is a number that indicates when a design satisfies an objective
  - Hint: during the presentation, the Team doesn't need to go through every requirement; instead highlight the important requirements for the Judges

#### **Team Presentation Details 2/3**

- Snowplow Vehicle Design (minimum 1 slide)
  - Snowplow vehicle and blade designs
    - Hint: include physical dimensions (size and weight)
    - Hint: consider plowing load
  - Sensor + component housing
    - Hint: address temperature control
    - Hint: label locations of key sensors and components
- Failure Modes and Recovery Actions (1 slide)
  - Identify failure modes and recovery actions
    - Hint: consider operational problems and snowplow vehicle recovery
- Overall Risk Assessment Summary (1 slide)
  - Evaluate major subsystems identify the risk of subsystem issues on snowplow vehicle performance
- Vehicle Design Challenges (1 slide)
  - Highlight vehicle or system design changes from the existing designs
  - Highlight the design challenges the Team will face adapting the vehicle and its systems to this year's Competition and weather conditions
    - Hint first year Teams: identify major design decisions
    - Hint returning Teams: highlight the design challenges adapting the vehicle and its systems to this year's competition



#### **Team Presentation Details 3/3**

- Single "I" Snowfield Movie
  - Demonstrate the entire Single "I" snowfield set-up plus the snowplow vehicle plowing the snowfield
    - Start movie with following baseline
      - Set-up Single "I" snowfield, garage, and boundaries
      - Place obstacle in 7<sup>th</sup> square from garage
      - Snowplow vehicle in garage
    - During movie show the following
      - Navigation beacon(s) or landmark(s) set-up
      - Snowplow vehicle starting from and stopping in the garage
      - Snowplow vehicle plowing snow into designated zones
      - Obstacle detection and avoidance
    - Hints
      - Highlight when the vehicle uses a specific beacon(s) or landmark(s)
      - Highlight vehicle nominal trajectory
      - Highlight when vehicle detects obstacle
      - Highlight vehicle obstacle avoidance trajectory
      - Highlight when vehicle makes decision to turn
      - General
        - » Verbally narrate key points of the movie
        - » Movie plus verbal narration should be less than 2 minutes (movie doesn't have to be in real-time)



# **CDR Presentation Outline: Squad**

Slide Title	Suggested Format	Minimum # of Slides
Objectives	Text	1
Squad Requirements	Table	1
Joint Communication System Design	Figure	1
Joint Failure Modes & Recovery Actions	Table	1
Joint Overall Risk Assessment Summary	Table	1
Triple "I" Snowfield Movie 1	Movie	1
Triple "I" Snowfield Movie 2	Movie	1

# **Squad Presentation Details 1/3**

- Objectives (1 slide)
  - Squad objectives for the Triple "I" snowfield
  - Hint: consider all the tasks both snowplow vehicles have to accomplish
- Top-Level Requirements (1 slide)
  - Hint: identify requirements that both vehicles would have to each satisfy to plow the Triple "I" snowfield
- Joint Communication System Design (minimum 1 slide)
  - Outline methodology of inter-vehicle communication and equipment
  - Equipment mounting position on snowplow vehicles
- Failure Modes and Recovery Actions (1 slide)
  - Identify failure modes and recovery actions during joint operation
- Overall Risk Assessment Summary (1 slide)
  - Evaluate major joint systems identify the risk of issues on joint snowplow vehicle operation



# **Squad Presentation Details 2/3**

- Triple "I" Snowfield Movie 1
  - Demonstrate entire Triple "I" set-up plus snowplow vehicles plowing entire snowfield under nominal conditions – everything working perfectly
    - Start movie with following baseline
      - Set-up Triple "I" snowfield, garages, and boundaries
      - Place obstacle in center row, in 5<sup>th</sup> square from either garage (Squad's choice)
      - Both snowplow vehicles start in garages
    - During movie show the following
      - Navigation beacon(s) or landmark(s) set-up
      - Snowplow vehicles starting from and stopping in the garage
      - Snowplow vehicles plowing snow into designated zones
      - Obstacle detection and avoidance
    - Hints
      - Same as Single "I" Snowfield movie applied to the Triple "I" Snowfield
      - Demonstrate intervehicle communication and information sharing (think about a telemetry box)
      - General
        - » Audience and Judges should understand how the snowplow vehicles collaborate to plow the snowfield

# **Squad Presentation Details 3/3**

- Triple "I" Snowfield Movie 2
  - Demonstrate entire Triple "I" set-up plus snowplow vehicles plowing entire snowfield under 1 failure condition – intervehicle communication breaks down 45 seconds after vehicles start plowing
    - Start movie with following baseline
      - Set-up Triple "I" snowfield, garages, and boundaries
      - Place obstacle in center row, in 5<sup>th</sup> square from either garage (Squad's choice)
      - Both snowplow vehicles start in garages
    - During movie show the following
      - Navigation beacon(s) or landmark(s) set-up
      - Snowplow vehicles starting from and stopping in the garage
      - Snowplow vehicles plowing snow into designated zones
      - Obstacle detection and avoidance
      - Communication breakdown, vehicle actions following breakdown including when vehicle identifies a communication breakdown, and recovery actions

#### Hints

- Same as Single "I" Snowfield movie applied to the Triple "I" Snowfield
- Demonstrate intervehicle communication and information sharing (think about a telemetry box)
- Clearly demonstrate how vehicles establish communication breakdown and recovery

