In today's world, Information and Communications Technology (ICT) is becoming more vital to not just individual consumers, but also to the development of countries large and small. To assist young Bahamians in recognizing this, the Utilities Regulation and Competition Authority (URCA), is launching an Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Competition for students and young adults in the following three categories

- Primary students: grades 4 to 6
- Secondary students: grades 7 to 12
- Young Adults: age 18 to 30

The ICT Innovation competition aims to promote the use of, access to and the development of content base ICTs in The Bahamas. URCA wants to promote and encourage the development of ICT solutions and to provide accessibility to the underserved and the unserved.

It is also URCA's expectation that the competition will promote creativity in the use of innovative ICTs and encourage the development of ideas and concepts that will lead to a more efficient use of scarce resources in our country for the delivery of essential services.

Participants are invited to submit their entry on or before *15 November 2017*. Prizes will be awarded to the top three participants in each category. The top prizes include cash awards, electronic devices and an all expense paid trip to an ITU event to be identified by URCA for the winner in the Young Adult category.

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THE UTILITIES REGULATION & COMPETITION AUTHORITY
presents its
2017 ICT Competition

For more information on the competition visit our website, www.urcabahamas.bs, email us at info@urcabahamas.bs or call us at 242.396.5237.

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URCA 2017 ICT Competition

CATEGORY 1

PRIMARY STUDENTS: GRADES 4 TO 6

The Challenge:
Students are invited to dream and imagine their school without chalk and paper, but rather one that fully embraces and uses Information and Communications Technology. Students are asked to depict how they would use modern technology to help their school better serve its students through one of the following:
- write a 200 word essay or;
- produce an illustration or drawing (no larger than 11 inches x 17 inches or;
- produce a video that is three minutes or less

In the Primary category, prizes will be awarded to the top three entries in each of the following sub-categories:
- Essay;
- Drawing/painting or;
- Video

Prizes
1st place - $300 cash and a tablet

2nd place - $200 cash

3rd place- $100 cash

CATEGORY 2

SECONDARY STUDENTS: GRADES 7 TO 12

The Challenge:
Students are invited to produce a five minute or less video clip demonstrating the use of ICTs in a creative and innovative way that provides a solution to one of the following identified areas of national development:

- Health
- Recreation
- Education
- Cyber Security and Privacy
- Island Life and technology
- The Internet of Things
- Disaster Preparedness & Recovery

Prizes
1st Place - A smart phone, $500 cash and a 3-week internship with URCA (2018)

2nd place - $500 cash

3rd place - $300 cash

CATEGORY 3

YOUNG ADULTS: AGES 18 TO 30

The Challenge:
Using ICTs, develop a concept that would enhance the provision of services in any of the six identified areas of national development. (This category is not restricted to the production of a video)

- Health
- Recreation
- Education
- Cyber Security and Privacy
- Island Life and technology
- The Internet of Things
- Disaster Preparedness & Recovery

Prizes
1st Place - all expense paid trip to an ITU event to be determined by URCA, cash prize of $1000 and an invitation to present at URCA sponsored events

2nd place - $750 cash and Invitation to present at URCA sponsored events

3rd place - $500 cash

2017 Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Competition

Registration Form

Category:
☐ Primary   ☐ Secondary   ☐ Young Adult

Name: _____

School: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____

Island: _____ Gender: _____

Email: _____ Fax: _____

Address: _____

Employer: _____

Parent Name: _____

Entry Type:
☐ Essay   ☐ Drawing   ☐ Electronic

Please provide a brief description of entry:
(Use additional sheets of paper as necessary)

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____

All physical entries are to be delivered to the IT Teacher at the entrants school. All digital entries are to be delivered via Dropbox to info@urcabahamas.bs. The deadline for all entries is 5:00pm 15 November 2017.