FASTLANE – 2016 NASA Tech Connect Program FAQs

How do I apply to this program?

Applications must be submitted using the online form located <u>here</u>. Be sure to review the application criteria and hints at the start of the online form page.

Is the application available offline?

Yes, an application worksheet (located here) has been created to allow you to preview the questions and prepare your answers offline prior to entering the information into the online application form.

When is the application deadline?

Applications are now open and must be submitted online by 11:59pm, May 25, 2016.

What are the requirements for this program?

- Must be a manufacturing company located in the Greater Dayton.
- Must be a US owned company with 10 or more employees.
- Must present a technical challenge which, once solved, will generate revenue or add jobs.

What if I feel uncomfortable submitting information that I consider confidential? Please be assured that NASA Glenn, UDRI and all of the employees associated with these organizations understand and respect confidential information. All employees are held under a strict confidentiality agreement. No information that a company provides will be shared with anyone outside of the Tech Connect program and the consultations with the NASA Glenn experts will be held privately.

What if I feel uncomfortable submitting information that I consider proprietary? Do not submit anything that is considered proprietary towards the technical challenge. Proprietary information can be discussed after the selection process has been completed and the appropriate non-disclosure agreements have been executed.

Can I submit multiple applications associated with different technical challenges? Yes, companies can submit multiple applications. Each application will be reviewed and evaluated for its validity to be selected into the program.

What will I get out of this program?

The initial opportunity consists of a full-day of NASA technical assistance funded by NASA and FASTLANE. Following the initial event, a secondary opportunity of 32 hours of NASA technical assistance will be made available. In both instances, companies will need to apply for and be selected for the technical assistance.

Do I need to utilize NASA technical experts in order to participate in this program?

Yes, the technical assistance is being provided by resources from NASA's Glenn Research Center in Cleveland. The NASA subject matter experts have knowledge that covers all basic engineering disciplines as well as specialized areas of expertise.

What are the areas of NASA technical expertise?

A detailed list of NASA core competencies is available here.

When will I be notified if I am selected to participate in this program?

All companies who submitted an online application will be notified in June 2016 of their selection status.

Who do I contact if I have additional questions?

If you have further questions, you can contact Todd Brown at 937-229-1306 or Todd.Brown@udri.udayton.edu