Could you create more equitable cities?

City boundaries were once defined by how far people could travel in one hour. However globalization and dramatic geographic, social and economic shifts mean the time has come to reimagine these boundaries. Urban SOS™ is challenging you to consider new ways to strengthen connections between cities and their surrounding regions.

Presented by AECOM and Van Alen Institute, with 100 Resilient Cities — Pioneered by The Rockefeller Foundation, hOUR City is the 2017 Urban SOS student ideas competition. We’re asking students to propose new solutions to tackle housing, transportation, or economic development challenges and to re-imagine what a future “hour city” boundary can be.

Students are encouraged to propose policy strategies, business models, and other solutions to address their chosen challenge, but these proposals must be accompanied by a physical intervention at a specific site in a city within the 100 Resilient Cities network. Students must form a multidisciplinary team of two to five members to enter, and include students from two disciplines at a minimum.

Your ideas will be reviewed by leading industry thinkers in cities worldwide. A total of US$15,000 in prize money will be distributed among the finalist teams, and the winning team will receive up to US$25,000 of in-kind support from AECOM to implement a pilot of their proposal.

Interested? Pre-register by June 28 and submit your ideas by July 17. For more details on the competition visit www.aecom.com/urbansos.