Consensus-Building Notes: 10 October 2011

OBJECTIVES: PICK AN NGO
RULES:
1- Raise your hand
2- limit comment time to 1 minute
3- no negative comments
4- these rules are subject to change

Team 1: Concrete Care: (5) > Reinforce buildings (earthquake prevention measures)
Team 2: USCE Link: (4) > Recycle computer
Team 3: Overcoming Terror (3) > Help terrorism victims
Team 4: Building 4 Tomorrow (2) > Building in disaster prone areas, allocate contractors before and after disasters
Team 5: Empowering War Victims: (4): Aiding families and security forces during War

NGO PROPOSAL CONCERNS:
Team 5 > Funding concerns
Team 1/4 > High infrastructure costs, ensuring preventive measures last/work?
Team 2 > Sustainability
Team 4 > Doesn't intend to pay out of pocket
- will recruit volunteer experts
- advisory role
Team 1 > -Funding from state governments
- Political issues: putting money towards a temporary issue which may or may not occur
- Accountability concerns: B4/Concrete Care will keep engineers on staff to ensure proper building procedures to avoid suit/litigation
B4T will partner with contractors to act as a middleman/head hunter
Team 5 > - How feasible is it to get money from state governments for conflict support of families of war victims in the current financial crisis

NGO CRITERIA:
1- Sustainable ($)
2-Identifiable Output
3-Concrete solution (ex. EWV, where NGO ceases to exist)
4-Specific focus
5-Duration (Time)
6-Employment (for all staff)
7-External stakeholders (policy makers etc.)
8-Transparency ($) 
9-Legal Implications (avoid litigation) 
10- Accountability
11-Fundraising ability
12- Interests (merge interests of all staff) 

INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP 
1-Staff will be based in Syracuse to cut down on start up costs 
2-Service: Preventive measures will be taken before disasters to strengthen buildings 
3-Budget: Will recruit talent/volunteer contractors 
4-Lasting infrastructure: You can never be 100% sure that the measures taken will prevent a building from falling in the event of a disaster 
5-Employment: Talent will create new and novel ideas (ex. fiberglass bubble) 
6-Building Type: Main focus will be residential 
7-Concerns: Operational approach vs. advocacy 

EMPOWERING WAR VICTIMS 
1-Target Group: women, children, Africa, South Asia, Middle East 
2-Services: counseling, mitigation, schools, medication, financial, social/community building 3-Concerns: Budgetary, ($10 million) 
4-Service: only provided to non-active security forces/disabled officers 
5-Supervisory role: activity (operations) 
6-Timeframe: 2-3 years to get off the ground, must be flexible 

USCE LINK: 
Concerns: 
1-Services/Products-Cell phones, computers 
2-Target Group 
-Businesses and other groups without access to technology 
-Will re-allocate these discarded resources immediately. 
3-How will you measure success? 
-Will perform educational assessments through training -IF goals are unmet > Environmental factor 
4-Timeframe 
2-3 years to get off the ground 
5-Location/Oversight
- Must ensure accountability and monitoring of resources flow

**6-Pay 2 Play:**
- State governments will pay for *consultant*
- Will you BUY discarded technology? > No, but will institute investment incentives in emerging markets in foreign companies by donating technology