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About the Competition
The purpose of the Edelman competition is to bring forward, recognize, and reward outstanding examples of operations research, management science, and advanced analytics in practice. The prize is awarded for implemented work, not for a submitted paper or for the presentation describing the work. The client organization that uses the winning work receives a prize citation and the authors of the winning work receive a cash award. All finalists receive the opportunity to publish their papers in INFORMS’ prestigious journal, Interfaces.

Entry Requirements
Send us a document containing a two-to-three page summary (a maximum of 1,500 words) that describes what you accomplished, in just enough detail to let us judge the appropriateness of your work for the competition. Include a cover page with the title, authors’ names and affiliations, and a 60-word abstract of the achievement. We require that the submission be made electronically as a single pdf document that is up to four pages long (use 12-point font text and normal margins).

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Entries should report on a completed practical application and must describe results that had a significant, verifiable, and preferably quantifiable impact on the performance of the client organization. Finalist work will be published in the January–February 2012 issue of Interfaces.

Any work you have done in recent years is eligible, unless it has previously been described by a Franz Edelman Award finalist. Previous publication of the work does not disqualify it. Anyone is eligible for the competition except a member of the judging panel.

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Key Dates for the Competition

Wednesday, October 20, 2010
A single pdf document containing a two-to-three page summary (a maximum of 1,500 words) of your achievement, and a cover page with a 60-word abstract, and the name, address, phone number, and affiliation of each author must be in our hands. We require that the document be submitted electronically as a pdf.

Monday, December 20, 2010
Finalists will be selected based on the summaries, any other written materials submitted, and the INFORMS/CPMS verification process.

Friday, February 18, 2011
A full written paper in a prescribed format will be due from each finalist along with a publication release from the client organization, a public relations press kit, and the name of the client management representative who would accept the prize citation.

Monday, April 11, 2011
Each finalist group will give an oral presentation of their work in a special session (which will be recorded) at the INFORMS Conference on O.R. Practice in Chicago, Illinois, April 10–12, 2011. Final judging will begin immediately after the presentations, and the results of the competition will be announced at the conference.