Official ArcGIS Release Candidate Rules

Eligibility: The ArcGIS Release Candidate Incentive Program is open to any individual who is interested in sharing their technical expertise and software experiences with the ESRI User Community and ESRI Support Services. ESRI employees, International Distributors and their family members are not eligible to win any of the prizes. Laws vary by state; this contest is void where prohibited.

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Deadlines: The official cutoff date for point accumulation for this program is June 30th, upon which time the winners will be determined. Program winners will receive an e-mail or telephone notification of their winning.

Forms of Entry: The mechanism for entry for the ArcGIS Release Candidate Program shall be to upload answers to user questions via the Internet and the ESRI Discussion Forum Web page; and submitting support requests to ESRI Support Services via phone at 1-888-377-4575 or web at http://support.esri.com

Publicity: As a condition of award acceptance, the ArcGIS Release Candidate Program winners agree to allow ESRI to publish their names, organization names, and point totals in all mediums of communication now known or later developed.

Odds: Odds of winning will vary depending on the number of technical support questions posed by users, the first uploaded answer to correctly solve the user's issue, the number of support requests submitted and surveys conducted.

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