

### Build on and Benefit from Each Other's Ideas

You ask questions and offer suggestions during a *Solution Briefing*. When you do this, you are **collaborating** with each other. You are working together. You offer your ideas for others to think about. You provide suggestions that might help them improve their solutions. Sometimes you learn something that you want to try yourself.

Other teams may come up with solutions to design challenges that you want to borrow and make better. You may also find that other teams have used your suggestions. Is the other team copying from you? Are you copying from them?

Think about the other team's success as your success when they use something you suggested. Help them see that your success is theirs if you borrowed something from them.

When movie actors receive awards, they often thank many people. Even though they're getting the award, they know that it takes lots of people to put a movie together. It is the same with scientists and engineers.

They wouldn't be able to solve problems or learn new things without building on the work of others. Scientists and engineers write papers, or articles, in journals. They tell others what they have discovered. Others read those papers, talk about the ideas, and ask questions. When someone improves on an idea, they write a paper about it and publish it for others to read and improve. This is the way science is done.

