

INSTITUTE FOR NATURAL RESOURCES PROPOSAL SCORING RUBRIC					
Research Project: Road-Stream Hydrologic Connectivity					
Criteria	Score (1-5) Whole # only	Category Weight	Cumulative Reader Score	Scoring Descriptors	Notes
1. Specific Project Criteria (maximum total points for this section is 50)					
Responsiveness: How responsive is the proposal to the RFP criteria?		200%	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 points: The proposal is fully responsive to the specific RFP criteria. 3-4 points: The proposal is generally responsive to the specific RFP criteria, but there may be some minor gaps. 1-2 points: The proposal is not responsive to the criteria within the solicitation, demonstrating key gaps in understanding. 	
Timeline: To what degree can the stated deliverables be completed within the proposed timeline?		100%	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 points: The deliverables can likely be completed within the proposed timeline. 3-4 points: The deliverables may be able to be completed within the proposed timeline, but there is lack of completeness or specificity in the timeline. 1-2 points: The deliverables likely cannot be completed within the proposed timeline, either because of lack of information provided, or a proposed timeline that is likely not feasible. 	
Deliverables: To what degree are the deliverables clearly defined?		100%	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 points: The deliverables are presented clearly, are thoroughly documented, are well understood, and present a thorough understanding of desired outcomes of the RFP. 3-4 points: The deliverables lack some specificity in how they are presented and described. 1-2 points: The deliverables are not well defined and indicate the proposer does not have a thorough understanding of the desired outcomes of the RFP. 	
Methodology: To what degree does the project advance the state of the science through clear, understandable, and robust methods?		200%	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 points: The proposal fully demonstrates clear, understandable, and robust methodology to advance the state of the science. 3-4 points: The proposal demonstrates an adequate methodology to advance the state of the science, but may be lacking in one or more elements to achieve full potential in advancing the state of the science. 1-2 points: The proposal does not articulate a clear, understandable, and robust methodology and likely would not advance the state of the science. 	
Soundness: To what degree is the proposed project feasibly and technically sound?		200%	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 points: The proposed project is both feasibly and technically sound. 3-4 points: The proposed project has technical merit, and may be feasible to implement, but one more elements of the proposal call into question its feasibility or technical merits. 1-2 points: The proposal is not feasibly nor technically sound. 	
QA/QC: How well does the field work proposed incorporate quality assurance/quality controls into its approach (e.g., approach taken to recruit field workers, approach taken to ensure data is collected per stringent standards)?		200%	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 points: The proposed project demonstrates a full understanding of the importance of QA/QC into the field work, documenting robust elements to ensure results of data collection are sound. 3-4 points: The proposed project demonstrates some understanding of the importance of QA/QC, documenting one or more elements to ensure results of data collection are sound. 1-2 points: The proposal demonstrates insufficient understanding of the importance of QA/QC in data collection by field workers. 	
TOTAL (max points = 50)			0		
2. Project Team Qualifications (maximum total points for this section is 25)					
Knowledge: Project team has specialized knowledge in the RFP topic areas.		200%	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 points: The project team demonstrates thorough knowledge of the RFP topic areas. 3-4 points: The project team demonstrates knowledge of the RFP topic areas. 1-2 points: The project team demonstrates insufficient knowledge of the RFP topic areas. 	
Experience: Project team has research or appropriate experience relevant to proposed work.		200%	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 points: The project team demonstrates research and experience with strong relevance to proposed work. 3-4 points: The project team demonstrates some research and experience relevant to proposed work. 1-2 points: The project team demonstrates insufficient research or appropriate experience relevant to proposed work. 	
Project Understanding: Project team has demonstrated understanding of needed research.		100%	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 points: The project team demonstrates a strong understanding of the needed research, clearly identifying key aspects of the research and presenting a comprehensive understanding of its need and importance. 3-4 points: The project team demonstrates an adequate understanding of the needed research. 1-2 points: The project team demonstrates an insufficient understanding of the needed research, omitting some core components that indicate lack of full understanding. 	
TOTAL (max points = 25)			0		
3. Project Budget (maximum total points for this section is 25)					
Alignment: Project budget is justified and aligned with project goals, deliverables, and milestones.		300%	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 points: The project budget is fully justified and aligns well with all deliverables and key project milestones. 3-4 points: The project budget includes minimal to adequate justifications, but one or more budget items may not be justified relative to a specific deliverable or project milestone. 1-2 points: The project budget is not justified and does not align with key deliverables and milestones. 	
Reasonableness: Project supplies, materials, equipment, personnel and other costs are clearly described and reasonable to produce described deliverables.		200%	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 points: The project budget is clearly described and reasonable for the proposed deliverables. 3-4 points: The project budget lacks some clarity and may be questionable for one or more of the proposed deliverables. 1-2 points: The project budget is not reasonable and does not align well with the proposed deliverables. 	
TOTAL (max points =25)			0		
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