

LONG APPLICATION RATING FORM

Reviewer's Identification Number:

Date:

Proposal Number:

Grant Application Title:

Section A. Summary of Ratings:

Please **complete the questions below**, then return to this table to fill in the **yellow section** of this summary.

	Question	Rating (Enter # Circled)		Set Factor		Sub-rating
1	Objectives		x	9	=	
2	Achievability		x	9	=	
3	Methodology		x	7	=	
4	Contribution		x	7	=	
5	Awareness		x	5	=	
6	Background		x	5	=	
7	Project Management		x	2	=	
8	Equipment Purchase		x	2	=	
9	Facilities		x	2	=	
10	Budget		x	2	=	

50

	Total
250	Possible Points

Note: While points are necessary to establish an overall rating, comments on the various criteria are critical to truly understanding the value of a proposed project. Please elaborate in the comment sections to the maximum extent possible.

Overall Recommendation

FUND

FUNDING MAY BE CONSIDERED

DO NOT FUND

(Select one)

Section B. Ratings and Comments:

Please circle your response to each statement and transfer the number circled to the column entitled "Circled Number" on the first page of this form. Also, please comment on each criterion.

1. The objectives or goals of the proposed project with respect to clarity and consistency with North Dakota Industrial Commission/Lignite Research Council goals are:

Circle Answer: 1 – very unclear; 2 – unclear; 3 – clear; 4 – very clear; or 5 – exceptionally clear

Please comment:

2. With the approach suggested and time and budget available, the objectives are:

Circle Answer: 1 – not achievable; 2 – possibly achievable; 3 – likely achievable; 4 – most likely achievable; or 5 – certainly achievable.

Please comment:

3. The quality of the methodology displayed in the proposal is: *Circle Answer: 1 – well below average; 2 – below average; 3 – average; 4 – above average; or 5 – well above average.*

Please comment:

4. The scientific and/or technical contribution of the proposed work to specifically address North Dakota Industrial Commission/Lignite Research Council goals will likely be:

Circle Answer: 1 – extremely small; 2 – small; 3 – significant; 4 – very significant; or 5 – extremely significant.

Please comment:

5. The principal investigator's awareness of current research activity and published literature as evidenced by literature referenced and its interpretation and by the reference to unpublished research related to the proposal is: *Circle Answer: 1 – very limited; 2 – limited; 3 – adequate; 4 – better than average; or 5 – exceptional.*

Please comment

6. The background of the investigator(s) as related to the proposed work is:

Circle Answer: 1 – very limited; 2 – limited; 3 – adequate; 4 – better than average; or 5 – exceptional.

Please comment:

7. The project management plan, including a well-defined milestone chart, schedule, financial plan, and plan for communications among the investigators and subcontractors, if any, is:

Circle Answer: 1 – very inadequate; 2 – inadequate; 3 – adequate; 4 – very good; or 5 – exceptionally good.

Please comment:

8. The proposed purchase of equipment is: *Circle Answer: 1 – extremely poorly justified; 2 – poorly justified; 3 – justified; 4 – well justified; or 5 – extremely well justified. (Circle 5 if no equipment is to be purchased)*

Please comment:

9. The facilities and equipment available and to be purchased for the proposed research are: *Circle Answer: 1 – very inadequate; 2 – inadequate; 3 – adequate; 4 – notably good; or 5 – exceptionally good.*

Please comment:

10. The proposed budget “value”¹ relative to the outlined work and the financial commitment from other sources is of: *Circle Answer: 1 – very low value; 2 – low value; 3 – average value; 4 – high value; or 5 – very high value. (See below)*

Please comment:

Section C. Overall Comments and Recommendations:

Please comment in a general way about the merits and flaws of the proposed project and make a recommendation whether or not to fund.

General comments:

¹ “Value” – The value of the projected work and technical outcome for the budgeted amount of the project, based on your estimate of what the work might cost in research settings with which you are familiar.

Financial commitment from other sources – A minimum of 50% of the total project must come from other than Industrial Commission sources to meet the program guidelines. Support less than 50% from Industrial Commission sources should be evaluated as favorable to the application.