

CHAPTER 95-02.1-03 EVALUATION AND FUNDING CRITERIA

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Unless otherwise specified, proposals will be evaluated upon a basis of one hundred points, according to the following criteria:

1. **Probability and extent of new wealth and creation.** Preference will be given to applications that demonstrate a high probability of job and wealth creation. While the commission does not make any specific requirements for jobs created per dollar granted, a close review will be made of return-on-investment and job enhancement. Up to thirty points may be awarded on this criterion.
2. **Credibility and merit.** The commission will review each proposal as to its technical and commercial feasibility. Proposals that feature outcomes that are innovative as well as commercially plausible will receive preference. Within this criterion, the relative competence and technical qualifications of project principals will be assessed. Proposals or components of proposals which can be construed as subcontracts or contracts for service, and which provide information that the process by which contractors are selected has been competitive are more highly favored. Up to thirty points may be awarded on these criteria.
3. **Timeliness.** Preference will be given to proposals demonstrating a high probability of rapid commercialization or address an imminent need, or both. Up to fifteen points may be awarded on this criterion.
4. **Matching funds.** Priority will be given to projects that demonstrate a shared commitment for funding from other private or public sources or from the applicant, or both. Matching funds may be in the form of cash or in-kind services, or both. Approved indirect costs may qualify as matching funds. Disbursement of funds will be contingent upon evidence that matching funds have been allocated to the proposal. Up to ten points may be awarded on this criterion.
5. **Geographic consideration.** Preference will be given to the proposals that center efforts on nonurban locales. When the proposal requires specific research activities that cannot possibly be carried out in rural North Dakota, consideration will be given to the ultimate development and commercialization of the results of the proposal, with the same rural preference. Favorable community support will be considered. Up to five points may be awarded on this criterion.
6. **Likelihood of success.** Commissioners shall provide their judgment on the probable success and relative importance of the proposed research. Up to ten points may be awarded on this criterion.

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