

ITRC Project Team Proposals – Scoring Criteria 2026

ITRC developed the criteria below to assist the Board of Advisors, State Engagement Program, Federal partners, and Industry Affiliates Program with evaluating and scoring 2026 Project Team Proposals.

Threshold Criteria: Project Team Proposals must meet all the following criteria to be ranked. This determination will be made by the ITRC Director with the advice of the Board of Advisors:

- Proposal is consistent with ITRC’s mission, goals, and strategic planning objectives; and
- Proposal is not a research project; and
- Proposed products can be developed in a reasonable time frame (between 15-24 months).

Scoring Criteria: ITRC Members evaluating Project Team Proposals should consider the following questions when reviewing and scoring each proposal.

- **Strategic Alignment**
 - Does the proposal address a critical environmental topic aligned with ITRC's strategic direction?
 - Does the proposal directly address a problem faced by your agency, company, or organization?
 - Does the project contribute to overcoming technical and/or regulatory barriers?
 - Does the project have the potential to develop educational and training resources for the environmental community?
- **Feasibility**
 - Can the project be completed within a reasonable timeframe (typically 15-24 months)?
 - To your knowledge, does ITRC have the required skillsets available in our current membership to complete the project?
 - Are there clear and achievable deliverables defined in the proposal?
 - Specific to the environmental topic and problem to be addressed, are there any major regulatory or policy changes anticipated that may hinder the success of this project?
- **Expertise**
 - Does the proposal demonstrate access to subject matter experts within ITRC's membership?
 - Does the proposal demonstrate a plan to access or leverage subject matter experts from the broader environmental community?
- **Impact:**
 - Does the project have the potential for broad impact among the ITRC membership (government agencies, private sector, academics, public stakeholders)?
 - Does the project have the potential to lead to improved environmental practices or regulatory solutions?
 - Does the proposal include the development of tools which are functional, educational, and able to address the needs of a varied audience?