ITRC Project Team Proposals – 2027 Scoring Criteria

The Interstate Technology & Regulatory Council (ITRC) Project Team proposals are reviewed, evaluated and scored by ITRC Programs based on this Scoring Criteria. ITRC Programs include:

- Board of Advisors (BOA) - https://itrcweb.org/board-of-advisors
- State Engagement Program (SEP) - https://itrcweb.org/state-engagement-program/
- Industry Affiliates Program (IAP) - https://itrcweb.org/iap-private-sector/

The ITRC BOA reviews the Programs' scores, and the BOA Voting Members will make recommendations for new Project Teams. These recommendations must be approved by the Environmental Research Institute of the States (ERIS) Board of Directors to form a Project Team.

Threshold Criteria

Project Team Proposals must meet the following criteria to be scored by ITRC Programs. This determination will be made by the ITRC Director with the advice of the Board of Advisors (as needed) before sending proposals to the ITRC Programs for scoring.

- Proposal includes all minimum requirements in the Project Team Proposal Form,
- Proposal aligns with ITRC's Strategic Direction (https://itrcweb.org/strategic-direction/), and
- Proposal is not a research project.[1]

Scoring Criteria

ITRC Programs and their members evaluating Project Team Proposals should consider the following questions when reviewing and scoring each proposal.

Overall Assessment and Impact
- Does the Proposal address the deployment of innovative environmental technologies?
- Does the Proposal provide a clear problem statement and solutions to an environmental challenge?
- Will the proposed solutions lead to improved environmental decision making and practices?
- Do the proposed solutions have the potential for broad impact among the entire ITRC membership and our diverse audience and customers?
- To your knowledge, can the proposed Project Team and solutions be completed within a reasonable timeframe for ITRC projects (typically 15-24 months)?

Strategic Alignment
- Does the Proposal offer solutions to a problem currently faced by your agency, company, or organization?
- Will someone from your agency, company, or organization volunteer actively participate in the proposed Project Team?
- To your knowledge, are there any emerging regulatory or policy changes related to the environmental topic and proposed solutions that may hinder the project's success?

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[1] A research project is an effort that generates new scientific data or original findings through experiments, laboratory studies, field investigations, or other primary research activities.

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