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REVERSE SITE VISITS

A Strategic Program Management Tool

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**Research Approach**

**Infrastructure Plan**

**Workforce Develop**

**Implementation Plan**

**Timeline, Metrics, Outcomes**

**Implementation Process**

*What you are doing towards realization of goals?*

**Monitor & Evaluate**

Results against objectives

*e.g. Internal - team meetings*  
*External - RSV*

**ACT**

*Take action based on what’s learned*  
*Adopt and Adapt*  
*e.g. policy change*

**PLAN**

*Research Approach*  
*Infrastructure Plan*  
*Workforce Develop*

**DO**

*Implementation Process*

*What you are doing towards realization of goals?*

**CHECK**

*Monitor & Evaluate*  
*Results against objectives*  
*e.g. Internal - team meetings*  
*External - RSV*
Reverse Site Visits

- Allow EPSCoR Jurisdictions to report on their current projects’ accomplishments
- Permit a panel to assess reported progress and provide recommendations
- Provide guidance to EPSCoR jurisdictions on the accomplishment of their established goals and objectives
- Assist the EPSCoR Office in its responsible oversight of RII awards
Focus of Jurisdictions’ Project Update

- The current project’s progress to date relative to established goals and objectives

- Address program specific review criteria under which the award was made
  - Strategic fidelity and impact
  - Evaluation and Assessment
  - Value added
  - Sustainability
  - Outreach & Communication Plan
  - Diversity Plan
  - Management Plan
  - Cyberinfrastructure Plan
Focus of Jurisdictions’ Project Update (+)

- Progress on special conditions of the award
- Progress relative to the approved strategic plan for the RII project
- Any significant barriers and challenges that the project has encountered and actions taken to address them
- Potential changes to ensure accomplishment of the project’s goals and objectives
Focus of Jurisdictions’ Project Update (+)

The effectiveness of the project’s management and leadership in

- promoting the specific infrastructure investment areas
- strengthening the noted research focus area(s)
- integrating research with education and innovation
- employing an appropriate evaluation system
- allocating financial resources in a compatible and timely manner
RSV Session Format

- Project Team Update 1.5 hours
- Questions and Answers 1 hour
- Panel Executive Session 1 hour
- Initial Feedback to Project Team
Panel Assessment

- Appropriateness of the jurisdiction’s investment relative to accomplishment of the project’s goals and objectives

- Evidence that the jurisdiction’s integrated investment strategy is yielding a substantial improvement in research competitiveness
Panel Assessment (+)

- Sufficient linkages between the project’s research, education, and innovation endeavors and the effective use of those linkages

- Project management strategies to ensure an increased participation, e.g., institutional, individual, disciplinary, geographic, etc.
Panel Assessment (+)

- Evaluation plans suitable for tracking progress toward the accomplishment of established goals and objectives

- Plans for sustainability that are clear, reasonable and viable
Panel Assessment (+)

- A communication and dissemination strategy to enable sharing data, research findings

- Results supportive of NSF’s Strategic goals of advancing Discovery (Ideas), Learning (People) and Research Infrastructure (Tools)
Review and respond to panel findings and recommendations

- Enhance what is working
- Adopt and Adapt
- Develop Appropriate Corrective Action Plan
- Use to plan additional improvements
FY 2008 RSV Schedule

- **September 9-11, 2008**
  - New Hampshire
  - Puerto Rico
  - Nebraska
  - Arkansas

- **September 16-18, 2008**
  - Alaska
  - Montana
  - Louisiana
  - Vermont