EPSCoR College-University Collaboration Evaluation Criteria

Category #1: Scientific and Technical Merit

Weight: 40%

- 1. The purposes of the study are clear and sufficiently detailed. The hypotheses [goals/objectives] are explicit.(15)
- 2. The proposed research goals are original and worthy of support. (15)
- 3. There is sufficient attention given to related research by others. (10)

Category #2: Relevance to NASA's mission and WV Priorities

Weight: 10%

- 1. The project is in line with NASA's overall mission and goals.(5)
- 2. The project is in line with WV's priorities in science and technology needs. (5)

Category #3: Collaboration Plan and Research Methodology

Weight: 20%

- 1. The study design is carefully related to the goals of the project. (5)
- 2. The study provides the data or the desired outcomes needed to achieve the aims of the project. (5)
- 3. The methodology is sufficiently detailed. (5)
- 4. Collaboration plan between the two academic PIs, and their respective roles is clearly defined. (5)

Category #4: Mentor's Credentials

Weight: 10%

- 1. The mentor from WVU or Marshall is a highly qualified, established researcher and indicates commitment to the success of this project. (5)
- 2. Successful completion of the proposed research has the potential for future funding from other sources. (5)

Category #5: Budget and Institutional Support

Weight: 10%

- 1. The budget is realistic for the work proposed. (5)
- 2. The budget justification is sufficiently detailed and specific tasks are clearly related to personnel, time, and budget. (5)