RGRDS Rubric

Criteria	Insufficient (0)	Needs Improvement (1-2)	Adequate (2-3)	Exemplary (4-5)	SCORE
Significance & Impact of Research	• No background, rationale, or significance of project articulated	• Background of related literature is not clear or not connected to project • Justification of project and potential impact is weak or unstructured	• Background of related literature is summarized and is somewhat related to project • Justification of project and potential impact is sufficient and clearly stated	• Background of related literature is well written and strongly related to project • Justification of project and potential impact is compelling and well structured	
Clarity & Feasibility of Methodology	• Explanation of research methodology not included	• Explanation of methodology is unorganized or hard to follow • Methodology/timelines may need significant modifications for project to be executed	• Explanation of methodology is clearly stated • Proposed methodology is likely feasible in timeline provided, but may need minor modifications	• Explanation of methodology is well written and explained • Proposed methodology and timeline is clearly well planned and is not likely to need any modifications	
Appropriateness of Budget	• Budget descriptions not included	• Budget narrative and item descriptions lack sufficient level of detail • Budgeted items may not fully support execution of project	• Budget narrative and item descriptions provide some level of detail but some needed resources may not be fully addressed • Budgeted items will likely support execution of project, minor modifications may be necessary	• Budget narrative and item descriptions provide excellent level of detail and all needed resources are fully addressed • Budgeted items clearly will support execution of project with no expected modifications necessary	
Overall Clarity & Composition of Proposal	• Crucial elements of the proposal not included	• All required elements are included but do not form a logical argument • Several critical grammatical errors found • Descriptions are vague and no attempt is made to speak to an educated lay audience	• All required elements are included and form a logical argument • A few minor grammatical errors found • Descriptions are mostly clear but may not be understood by an educated lay audience	• All required elements are included and form a compelling argument • No grammatical errors found • Descriptions are clear and project is able to be understood by an educated lay audience	
				TOTAL SCORE (Maximum of 20):	