

**OMB Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART)  
Research and Development Programs**

**Name of Program:**

<b>Section I: Program Purpose/Relevance/Federal Role</b>						
	<b>Questions</b>	<b>Ans</b>	<b>Explanation (Required)</b>	<b>Evidence/Data (if available)</b>	<b>RMO Weighting</b>	<b>Weighted Score</b>
1 (RD 1)	<i>Does the program have a clear purpose and clear priorities?</i>	Yes			20%	0.2
2 (RD 2)	<i>Does the program demonstrate proposed relevance to Presidential priorities, agency mission, relevant field of science, and other "customer" needs?</i>	Yes			20%	0.2
3 (RD 3)	<i>Is the federal role appropriate? If an industry-related program, can it demonstrate that the market fails to motivate private investment?</i>	Yes			15%	0.2
4 (RD 4)	<i>Does the program effectively articulate potential public benefits?</i>	Yes			20%	0.2
5 (RD 5)	<i>If an industry-related program, do potential benefits of the program compare favorably with those of other programs with similar goals?</i>	Yes			10%	0.1
6 (RD 6)	<i>Can the program show that it is not unduly duplicative of other efforts?</i>	Yes			5%	0.1
7 (RD 7)	<i>Is a research program the most effective way to support the Federal policy goals compared to other policy alternatives such as legislation or regulation?</i>	Yes			10%	0.1
<b>Total Section Score</b>					<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>Section II: Strategic Planning</b>						
	<b>Questions</b>	<b>Ans.</b>	<b>Explanation (Required)</b>	<b>Evidence/Data (if available)</b>	<b>RMO Weighting</b>	<b>Weighted Score</b>
1	<i>Does the program have a limited number of specific, ambitious long-term performance goals that focus on outcomes and meaningfully reflect the purpose of the program?</i>	Yes			20%	0.2
2 (RD 2)	<i>Does the program track and report relevant program inputs annually?</i>	Yes			20%	0.2
3 (RD 3)	<i>Does the program have annual performance goals and outcome and output measures that they will use to demonstrate progress toward achieving the long-term goals?</i>	Yes			20%	0.2
4	<i>Do all program partners (grantees, sub-grantees, contractors, etc) commit to and report on performance that relates to and supports the output and outcome goals of the program?</i>	Yes			10%	0.1
5 (RD 5)	<i>Does the program undergo periodic, independent review to assess program structure and quality?</i>	Yes			10%	0.1
6 (RD 6)	<i>Does the program periodically demonstrate relevance to mission, fields of science, and other "customer" needs? If an industry- or market-related program, does it demonstrate relevance to the industry or market?</i>	Yes			20%	0.2
<b>Total Section Score</b>					<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>Section III: Program Management</b>						
	<b>Questions</b>	<b>Ans.</b>	<b>Explanation (Required)</b>	<b>Evidence/Data (if available)</b>	<b>RMO Weighting</b>	<b>Weighted Score</b>
1	<i>Does the agency regularly collect timely and credible performance information and use it to manage the program?</i>	Yes			10%	0.1
2	<i>Are performance measurements used to increase accountability?</i>	Yes			10%	0.1
3	<i>Are all funds (Federal and partners') obligated in a timely manner?</i>	Yes			10%	0.1
4	<i>Are all funds (Federal and partners') spent for the intended purpose?</i>	Yes			10%	0.1
5	<i>Does the agency estimate and budget for the full annual costs of operating the program (including all administrative costs and allocated overhead)?</i>	Yes			10%	0.1
6	<i>Are the administrative costs reasonable?</i>	Yes			5%	0.1
7	<i>Does the program use strong financial management practices?</i>	Yes			10%	0.1
8 (RD 1)	<i>Does the program allocate funds through a competitive, merit-based process? If not, does it justify funding methods and document how quality is maintained?</i>	Yes			20%	0.2
9 (RD 2)	<i>Does competition encourage the participation of new/first-time performers through a fair and open application process?</i>	Yes			5%	0.1

10 (RD 3)	<i>Does the program adequately define appropriate termination points and other decision points? If relevant to an industry or market, does the program identify and assess potential "off ramps"?</i>	Yes	10%	0.1
11 (RD 4)	<i>If the program includes technology development or construction or operation of a facility, does the program clearly define deliverables and required capability/performance characteristics?</i>	Yes	0%	0.0
12 (RD 5)	<i>If the program includes technology development or construction or operation of a facility, has the program established appropriate, credible, cost and schedule goals? Has the program considered alternatives, including trade-offs between cost, schedule, and performance goals?</i>	Yes	0%	0.0

<b>Total Section Score</b>			<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
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<b>Section IV: Program Results</b>						
	<b>Questions</b>	<b>Ans.</b>	<b>Explanation (Required)</b>	<b>Evidence/Data (if available)</b>	<b>RMO Weighting</b>	<b>Weighted Score</b>
1	<i>Has the program demonstrated adequate progress in achieving its long-term outcome goal(s)?</i>	Yes			20%	0.2
2	<i>Does the program (including program partners) achieve its annual performance goals?</i>	Yes			20%	0.2
3	<i>Were program goals achieved within budgeted costs and established schedules?</i>	Yes			20%	0.2
4	<i>Does the performance of this program compare favorably to other programs with similar purpose and goals?</i>	Yes			20%	0.2
5 (RD 5)	<i>Do comprehensive, independent evaluations of this program indicate that the program is effective and achieving results?</i>	Yes			20%	0.2
<b>Total Section Score</b>					<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>