### **Nuclear Energy University Programs**

**FY2011 Review Process** 



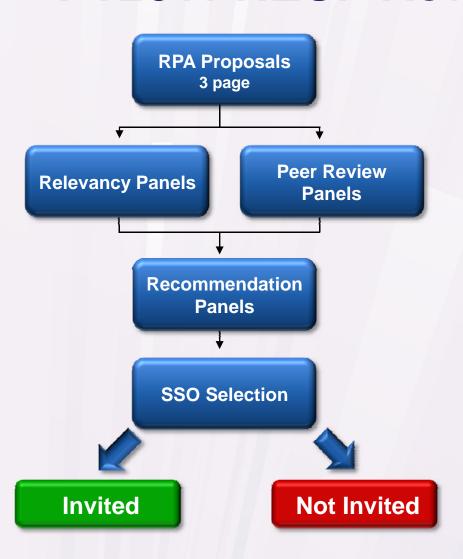












**RPA 3 Pagers:** Submission of three page proposals by university respondents

**Relevancy Panels:** Composed of two Federally selected reviewers representing technical areas

**Peer Review Panels:** Composed of Federally selected University or Laboratory technical peers

**Recommendation Panels:** Composed of Federal Directors and their selected advisors

**SSO Selection**: Presentation of recommendations by NEUP to the SSO

*Invited:* Proposals selected by the SSO to submit a full proposal

**Not Invited:** Proposals not selected by the SSO to submit a full proposal (may submit a full proposal, however, there is no guarantee that a full peer review will be performed)



### **3 Page Pre-Proposals**

Program "Bin" selected by submitting PI as part of the RPA process

### FCR&D

Technical Areas: Separations and Waste Forms, Advanced Fuels, Transmutation R&D, MPACT, Used Nuclear Fuel Disposition, and Mission Supporting

### RC

Technical Areas: Small Modular Reactors, NGNP, LWRS, Advanced Reactor Concepts, and Mission Supporting

### NEAMS

Technical Areas: Advanced Modeling and Simulation

### NEET





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#### RC

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### **Relevancy Panels**

• Two panelists

#### **Evaluation:**

- (3) Highly Relevant
- (2) Relevant
- (1) Low Relevance
- (0) Not Relevant

### **Technical Panels**

Three Peers

#### **Evaluation:**

- (3) High Merit
- (2) Moderate Merit
- (1) Low Merit
- (0) No Merit







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### Weighting & Scoring

Evaluation terms are numerically converted

### Relevancy

### **Technical** (3) Highly Relevant

- (3) High Merit
- (2) Relevant
- (2) Moderate Merit
- (1) Low Relevance
- (1) Low Merit
- (0) Not Relevant
- (0) No Merit
- Scores are weighted and added: Program Supporting 35:65 Mission Supporting 20:80

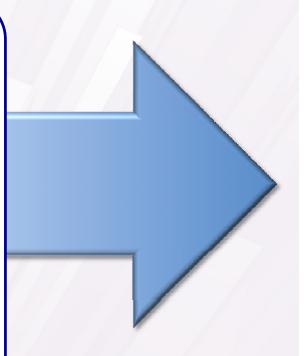
### Example

A Program Supporting proposal is evaluated as Relevant, with High Merit:

$$2(.35) + 3(.65) = 2.65$$

A proposal in the same group is evaluated as Highly Relevant with High Merit:

$$3(.35) + 3(.65) = 3.00$$





# Evaluation Criteria: Program vs Mission Supporting

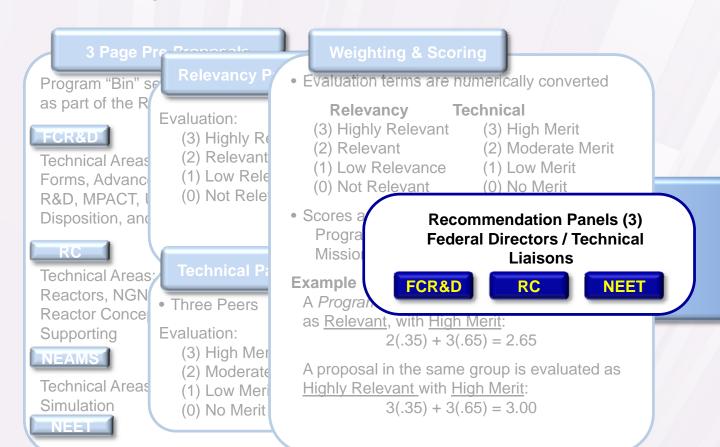
### **Program Supporting**

- Scientific/Technical Merit (65%)
  - ✓ Advances the state of knowledge in the selected program workscope
    - Practicality of scope with respect to the program workscope
    - Practicality of scope with respect to requested funding and period of performance
    - Logical path to work accomplishment;
       Ability of team to perform work
- Relevancy (35%)
  - ✓ Aligned with, and directly relevant to, program objectives.
    - Submission should define and describe the significance of the proposal to the needs described by program workscopes.

### **Mission Supporting**

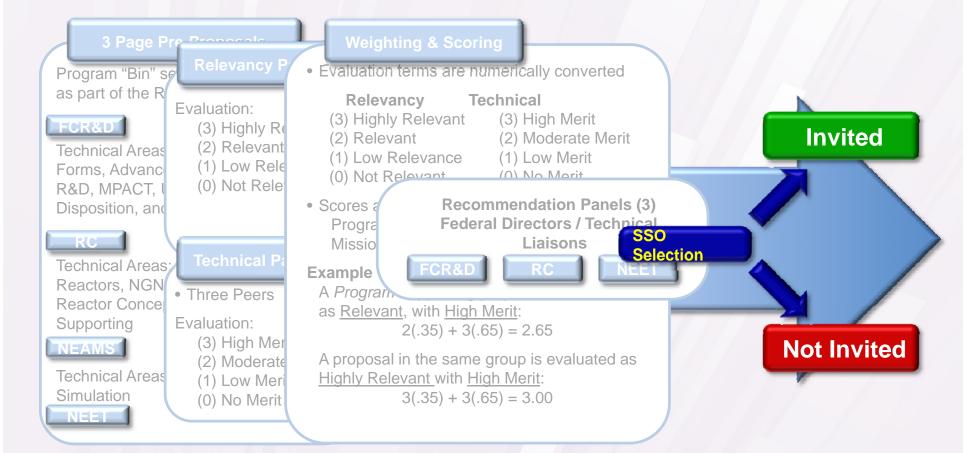
- Scientific/Technical Merit (80%)
  - ✓ Advances the state of knowledge in an area supporting the overall NE mission.
    - Practicality of scope with respect to NE's mission
    - Practicality of scope with respect to requested funding and period of performance
    - Logical path to work accomplishment;
       Ability of team to perform work
- Relevancy (20%)
  - ✓ Aligned with, and directly relevant to, <u>NE</u> mission.
    - Submissions should sufficiently capture a clear and supportive connection to the NE mission.















*Invited Relevancy Review:* Relevancy review of all invited proposals by two federally selected relevancy reviewers

 All proposals are passed forward for full peer review

**Not Invited Relevancy Review:** Relevancy review of "not invited" proposals by federally selected relevancy reviewers will be performed

- Only those Program Supporting proposals that are "Highly Relevant" may be passed forward for full peer review
- Only those Mission Supporting proposals that are scored "Relevant" may be passed forward for full peer review

**Peer Review:** Full technical review by a 3 member panel of peers ("Not Invited" proposals as requested by NE program management)

**Recommendation Panels**: Composed of Federal Directors and their selected advisors

**SSO Selection:** Proposals selected by the SSO for funding



#### Invited

 10 page proposal submitted as invited by the SS0

#### **Not Invited**

 10 page proposal submitted by individuals wanting to submit a proposal at their own risk (no guarantee of peer review)



### **Technical Review of Invited Proposals**

• Proposals are scored by individual reviewers:

#### **Peer Review**

S&T Merit

Research Plan

Capabilities

Team

**Minority Bonus** 

#### **Not Invited**

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### Relevancy Review of Invited Proposals

• Proposals are scored by individual reviewers:

### Relevancy

High Relevant

Relevant

Low Relevant

Not Relevant





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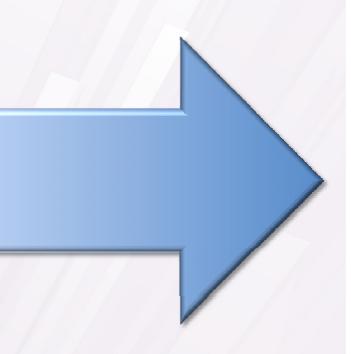
**Relevancy Review of Not Invited Proposals** 

Proposals are scored by individual reviewers:

### Relevancy

High Relevant Relevant Low Relevant Not Relevant

- Program Supporting proposals evaluated as "High Relevant" are passed forward by request of NE program management
- Mission Supporting proposals evaluated as "Relevant" or higher are passed forward by request of NE program management







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#### **Peer Review**

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### **Peer Review**

S&T Merit: (30%) Program Research Plan: (35

Minority Bonus: (5%) Mission 3

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### **Scoring**

Program Supporting 35:65 Mission Supporting 20:80

· Relevancy and Technical



