

TECHNICAL RATING STANDARDS

The Merit Review Committee shall only evaluate an application by comparing submitted information against the evaluation criteria. For each application, a written narrative listing of the strengths and weaknesses must accompany the numerical point value assigned to each criterion. The committee shall only assign a whole-number consensus point value to each evaluation criterion, using the 0 to 10-point scale shown below.

For purposes of the technical evaluation, a minor strength is an aspect of an Application that, when compared to a stated evaluation criterion, gives some level of confidence that the applicant can perform the criterion. A significant strength leaves little or no doubt regarding the applicant's capability to perform the criterion. A minor weakness is an aspect of an Application that, when compared to a stated evaluation criterion, raises some doubt regarding the applicant's ability to satisfy the criterion, but it can be easily corrected. A significant weakness leaves substantial doubt regarding the applicant's ability to satisfy the criterion. Several minor strengths/weaknesses within a criterion may be considered equivalent to a significant strength/weakness.

Rating	Score	Scoring Definitions
Superior	10	All aspects of the criterion are comprehensively addressed. The application has one or more significant strengths, no notable weaknesses, and leaves no doubt regarding the applicant's capability to perform.
	9	All aspects of the criterion are comprehensively addressed. The application has one or more significant strengths and no more than a few weaknesses that are easily correctable, where the number and/or level of significance of the strengths far outweigh those aspects of the weaknesses. The application leaves no doubt regarding the applicant's capability to perform.
Good	8	All aspects of the criterion are adequately addressed. The application has one or more strengths and may have one or more weaknesses, and the number and/or level of significance of the strengths outweigh those aspects of the weaknesses. Scoring within the Good rating depends on the relative degree to which the strengths outweigh the weaknesses. The application demonstrates the applicant's capability to perform.
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Satisfactory	6	Most aspects of the criterion are adequately addressed. The application has one or more strengths and may have one or more

	5	weaknesses. The number and/or level of significance of the strengths slightly outweigh those aspects of the weaknesses. Scoring within the Satisfactory rating depends on the relative degree to which the strengths outweigh the weaknesses. The application demonstrates a reasonable likelihood of the applicant's capability to perform.
Marginal	4	Some aspects of the criterion are not adequately addressed. The application may have one or more strengths and has one or more weaknesses, and the number and/or level of significance of the weaknesses outweigh those aspects of the strengths. Scoring within the Marginal rating depends on the relative degree to which the weaknesses outweigh the strengths. The application leaves doubt regarding the applicant's capability to perform.
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Unsatisfactory	2	Most aspects of the criterion are not adequately addressed. The application may have strengths, but also has several weaknesses. The application fails to demonstrate the applicant's capability to perform.
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Deficient	0	The application is non-responsive with regard to the criterion or does not address the criterion at all.