*Please read the attached “external reviewer” document to evaluate external reviewers’ feedback. Please also read the “call for applications” document to understand what each applicant was being asked to assemble. It would be greatly appreciated if these reviews could be returned by* ***June 14, 2014****. Please email your reviews to* [*ndsu.forward@ndsu.edu*](mailto:ndsu.forward@ndsu.edu)*.*

**APPLICANT:** **TOTAL SCORE:       RANK:**

**Scoring Instructions**:

Each committee member, please provide a score for each criterion based on the specified maximum score. Total scores of less than 70 will likely not be funded.

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| **Criteria** | **Score** |
| **(1) Statement of purpose, potential for positive impact, and the investigator team:** Is the statement of interest clear and convincing that funding this proposal will advance understanding of gender and/or climate? Is the research team interdisciplinary? Will funding of this proposal advance FORWARD goals? **Maximum 30 points** |  |
| **(2) Evaluation of the external reviewers’ feedback:** Average the total scores provided by the external reviewers. This score may be adjusted if there is disparity between the external reviewers. If adjusted, please indicate why and how. **Maximum 50 points** |  |
| **(3)** **Soundness of the budget justification:** Does the budget seem reasonable? Are the  estimated costs clearly described and justified? **Maximum 10 points** |  |
| **(4)** **Overall quality of the application:** Does the application follow the instructions for proposal formatting provided in the *“call for applications”* document? Is this a professionally written proposal, free of spelling and grammatical errors? **Maximum 10 points** |  |
| **TOTAL SCORE** |  |

Please provide a summary statement with comments for the investigator team. Your comments should

be constructive and evaluative. A summary of all internal review committee member comments’ will be

compiled to return to each team.