*Please read the attached “call for applications” document to understand what each applicant was being asked to assemble. There are instructions therein for proposal formatting and for budget preparation. A primary goal of the review exercise is to give constructive, rigorous feedback to each one of the applicants so that they can improve their proposal preparation for future competitive funding rounds (NIH, NSF, etc.). It would be greatly appreciated if these reviews could be returned by* ***June 14, 2014****. Please email your reviews to* *ndsu.forward@ndsu.edu**.*

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

**Scoring Instructions**:

Please provide a score for each criterion based on the specified maximum score for each criterion. Total scores of less than 35 will likely not be funded.

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| **Criteria** | **Score** |
| **(1) Scientific and intellectual merit:** Is the research described to be completed in the renovated space of interest to the funding agencies described in the Future Funding Plans section of the application form? Is the research described clearly STEM?  **Maximum 20 points** |  |
| **(2) Qualifications of the PI or team to carry out the proposed research to be completed in the renovated space:** Is the investigator or team appropriately trained and well suited to carry out the proposed research? **Maximum 15 points** |  |
| **(3) Soundness of the budget:** 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 application formatting provided in the *“call for applications”* document? Is this a professionally written proposal, free of spelling and grammatical errors? **Maximum 5 points**  |  |
| **TOTAL SCORE** |  |

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