

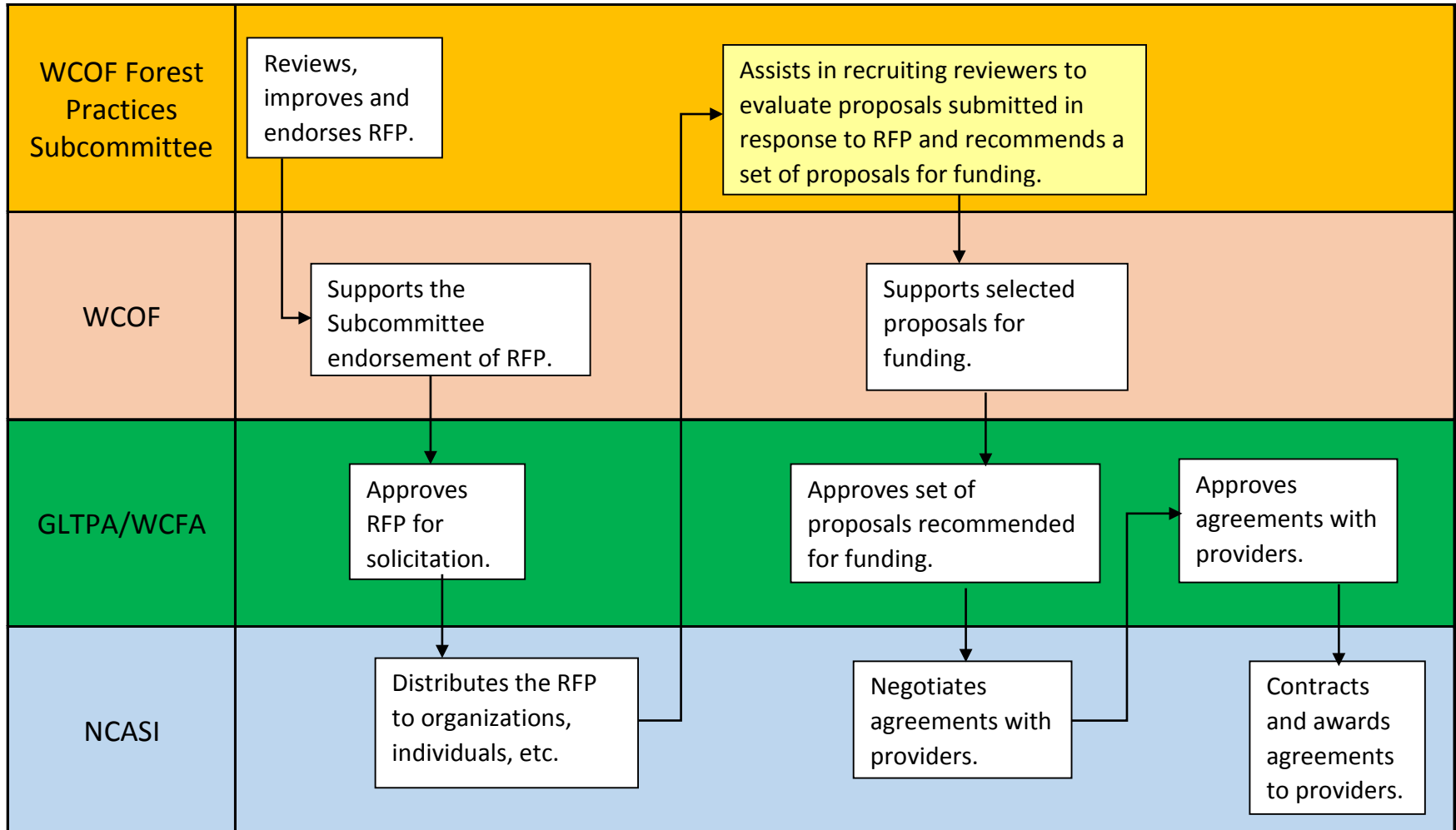
Wisconsin Forest Practices Study

Wisconsin Council on Forestry

May 21, 2014

Eagle River, WI

Request For Proposal (RFP) Process Flow Chart



RFP – Topic #1

- *Availability of wood fiber - now and in the future*
- *Impacts of land ownership?*
 - (e.g. net supply - (current consumption + environmental/BMP/harvesting guideline constraints + economic constraints + landowner objectives, etc.)*
 - Spatial analysis
 - Identify variables known to influence timber productivity
 - Provide estimates of past and future average rates of timber harvest/acre
 - Deliverable - process and/or modelling tools developed for the analysis
 - Time Frame: 12-15 months
 - Cost: not to exceed \$100,000

RFP – Topic #2

- *Economic and ecological consequences (cost/benefits) of forestry policies, regulations and guidelines?*
 - Identify policies, regulations and guidelines seen as being economically burdensome
 - The economic allocate consequences
 - Ecological consequences
 - More than one proposal maybe selected for funding
 - Time Frame: not to exceed 12 months
 - Cost: not to exceed \$50,000

RFP – Topic #3

- *Competitiveness of forest-based manufacturing in Wisconsin?*
 - Identify factors that enhance or impede investment
 - Identify options to enhance forest-based manufacturing
 - More than one proposal maybe selected for funding
 - Time Frame: not to exceed 6 months
 - Cost: not to exceed \$10,000

List of Reviewers

- Alan R. Ek, Ph.D. – U of Minnesota
- Scott A. Bowe, Ph.D. – UW-Madison
- Paul VanDusen, Ph.D. - NCASI
- Roger A. Sedjo, Ph.D. - Resources for the Future
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- David N. Wear, Ph.D. – USFS
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Wisconsin Forest Practices Study RFP 1.0 Research Proposal Evaluation Form

Reviewer <Click here to enter name>

Date <Click here to enter a date>

Principal Investigator <Click here to enter name>

Technical Criteria	Maximum Score	Reviewer Score	Reviewer Comments
Relevance of Proposal to the priority research topics identified in Section 2 of RFP 1.0.	20	<Click here to score>	<Click here to enter text>
Clarity of Objectives.	20	<Click here to score>	<Click here to enter text>
General scientific and technical quality.	20	<Click here to score>	<Click here to enter text>
Probability of achieving objectives within the schedule and budget.	20	<Click here to score>	<Click here to enter text>
Expected value of information to be produced relative to cost.	20	<Click here to score>	<Click here to enter text>
TOTAL SCORE	100	0	Place cursor here and hit CTL+S to calculate score
Summarize in one sentence your position regarding this proposal.			<Click here to enter text>

Technical Criteria Explanations

1. Relevance of proposal to the priority research topics identified in Section 2 of RFP 1.0.
How well does the overall proposal (i.e. objectives, methodology, and products) address the specific research topic question(s) in the RFP 1.0 Section 2?
2. Clarity of objectives.
Are the objectives described clearly and do they answer the respective research topic question?
3. General scientific and technical quality.
Is the approach/methodology described scientifically sound using appropriate methodology accepted by the research community? Will the approach/methodology achieve the objectives and products described in the proposal? Is there evidence of successful past performance from previous research projects completed by the PI and/or collaborators that have demonstrated credible outcomes?
4. Probability of achieving objectives within the proposed schedule and budget.
Does the PI and/or collaborators have the capacity (i.e. knowledge, experience, and resources) to achieve the objectives within the proposed schedule and budget described in the proposal?
5. Expected value of information relative to cost.
Is the information provided expected to be of equal or greater value than the cost, i.e. is the information provided filling a need information gap to address the specific research priority?

WFPS Subcommittee Charter

Members (*appointed by CoF Chair and Vice Chair*):

Troy Brown, Matt Dallman, Sen. Tiffany, Mark Rickenbach, Richard Wedepohl

Supporting cast: Fred Souba, Ben Wigley, Darrell Zastrow

Goal: Provide technical assistance on behalf of CoF, serve as a liaison between study and CoF and assist in interpreting study results and in developing recommendations.

Decision Process: Consensus, majority vote, CoF chair vote if no majority.

Topic # 1 Proposal Summary

- Topic # 1 - Availability of Wood Fiber
 - Four proposals received
 - Selected two
 - Prioritized selected two; moving forward with further discussion and negotiations with priority one.
 - Next Steps - Fred and Ben to have discussions with the principal investigator on clarifying points raised by the Subcommittee in their review of the proposal they selected as priority one.

Topic # 2 Proposal Summary

- Topic # 2 - Economic and ecological consequences (cost/benefits) of forestry policies, regulations and guidelines?
 - Four proposals received
 - Selected none
 - Subcommittee agreed to re-evaluate this topic to be more specific on what is being requested.
 - Next Step – Fred and Ben will draft a revised request for this topic based on Subcommittee discussions for their review with the intent of resending an RFP for this topic.

Topic # 3 Proposal Summary

- Topic # 3 - Competitiveness of forest-based manufacturing in Wisconsin?
 - Two proposals received
 - Selected both with the understanding that information provided by both proposals is a first step and may reveal areas/issues for further evaluation.
 - Next Step – Fred and Ben to have discussions with the principal investigators on clarifying points raised by the Subcommittee in their review of the proposals.

Tentative Timeline

May
2014

- Subcommittee and COF endorse proposals for funding.
- Begin to negotiate with selected RFP 1.0 research proposals with providers.
- GLTPA/WCFA approve research agreements.
- Begin to award agreements to RFP 1.0 research providers.

June
2014

- Finish negotiations with selected RFP 1.0 research proposals with providers.
- GLTPA/WCFA approve research agreements.
- Begin to award agreements to RFP 1.0 research providers.
- Develop/Monitor research work plans.
- Subcommittee to complete re-evaluation of Topic #2

June
2014

- Prepare RFP 2.0 – Topic #2.
- Solicitations for RFP 2.0.
- Monitor RFP 1.0 research work plans.