2017 ONTARIO RESEARCH FUND – LARGE INFRASTRUCTURE FUND: ADJUDICATION PROCESS

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REVIEW PROCESS OVERVIEW
The Ontario Research Fund – Large Infrastructure adjudication process consists of a multi-step independent peer-review process:

NOI REVIEW
- An Ontario Strategic Value Review panel will review Notices of Intent and will make recommendations on the alignment of the research to strategic value to Ontario.
- This feedback will be sent institutions prior to the submission deadline for full Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) and Ontario Research Fund (ORF) applications

APPLICATION REVIEW
- CFI expert committees complete a scientific review of full applications
- Ontario Strategic Value Review panels will provide an in-depth review of the proposals’ strategic value to Ontario and make recommendations on the priority grouping of proposals (high priority, priority or non-priority)
- Ontario’s recommendations will be shared with the Canadian Foundation for Innovation
- The ORF Advisory Board will incorporate strategic value considerations into its recommendations on priorities to the Minister of Research and Innovation

Please note: the Submission Package will be posted in April/May 2016.

APPLICATION ADJUDICATION PROCESS
ORF – Large Infrastructure proposals will be assessed based on the following criteria:

SCIENTIFIC REVIEW (CO-ORDINATED BY CFI, AS POSTED IN DRAFT 2016 GUIDELINES)
- **Institutional Capacity and track record**: The proposal builds on existing capacity and track record of key investments in people and infrastructure in the area of institutional strategic priority described in the proposal.
- **Research or technology development**: The research or technology development activities are innovative, feasible, have the potential to lead to breakthroughs, and will enhance international competitiveness.
- **Team**: The team is composed of established or emerging leaders and has the expertise and breadth, including relevant collaborations, to conduct the research or technology development activities.
- **Infrastructure**: The infrastructure is necessary and appropriate to conduct the research or technology development activities.
- **Sustainability**: The infrastructure is optimally used within and among institutions, sectors and disciplines and is sustainable through tangible and appropriate commitments over its useful life.
• **Benefits to Canadians:** The research or technology development results will be transferred through appropriate pathways to potential end users and are likely to generate social, health, environmental and/or economic benefits for Canadians.

**ONTARIO STRATEGIC VALUE REVIEW (COORDINATED BY MRI)**

Anticipated value to Ontarians in the following three categories:

- Economic Benefits
- Societal Benefits
- Plan for achieving impact and end-user engagement

The Ontario Strategic Review Panels will be asked to assess the proposals against each of the three strategic value criteria. Panels will be asked to evaluate the strategic impact based on size, complexity and nature of the project. Panels will also be asked to group proposals into the following priority categories:

- High Priority Proposals – Proposals that are highly aligned with Ontario’s priorities and innovation goals.
- Priority Proposals – Proposals that are aligned with Ontario’s priorities and innovation goals.
- Non-Priority Proposals – Proposals that are not aligned with Ontario’s priorities and innovation goals.