**Lower Hudson PRISM 2014 Proposal Selection Criteria**

1.       Does the proposal fit into one or more of the categories of PRISM deliverables (early detection/rapid response, eradication and control, education and outreach, research), or address at least one of the prioritized objectives of the Lower Hudson PRISM? If yes, go to question 2. If no, reject the proposal.

2. Is the work plan feasible and does the organization have the capacity to complete the proposal? If clearly no, reject the proposal.

3.       How high does the proposal score (maximum of 100 points)?

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| **Points Possible** | **Criteria** |
| 0-20 | **A1. Importance (0-10 points)**  Does the proposal address an important invasive species, an important process (like vector management), an important impact, or an important audience (in the case of education/outreach)?  **A2. Priority Objectives (0-10 points)**  Does the proposal address one or more priority objectives in the PRISM’s Action Plan? |
| 0 - 15 | **B. Breadth of application**  Does the proposal have broad implications or applications, as shown for example by relevance to the entire PRISM region (and other regions), a wide range of species, and/or a wide range of audiences? |
| 0 -5 | **C. Innovation**  Does the proposed work address the objective in an innovative way? |
| 0 - 15 | **D. Feasibility of work plan**  Is the proposed work likely to meet its stated goals and objectives? |
| 0 - 15 | **E. Capacity**  Do the organization and key personnel have the capacity/ability to complete the proposed project well? |
| 0 - 10 | **F1. Partnership (0-5 points)**  Does the proposed work involve multiple partners? (higher points for more organizations and stronger partnerships)  **F2. PRISM Partner Involvement (5 points)**  Is the applicant a PRISM partner? |
| 0 - 10 | **G. Budget**  Is the funding request cost effective? (high score can be awarded for low overall budget and/or if substantial matching funds are proposed.) |
| 0 - 10 | **H. Timeframe**  Is the proposed timeframe reasonable? Is it in line with the timeframe of the PRISM objectives? |