



**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
INDUSTRY/UNIVERSITY COOPERATIVE RESEARCH CENTERS
Evaluation Project
Inactive Sponsor Interview**

PURPOSE OF THE INACTIVE SPONSOR INTERVIEW: To gain a better understanding of sponsors' expectations and motives for leaving centers, and eventually to make recommendations for how the IUCRC model and program evaluation thereof can be improved.

CONFIDENTIALITY ASSURANCE: Without explicit permission from the informant, responses to this survey will remain completely confidential. No Center's, respondent or member's identity will be included in any reports or statistics.

INSTRUCTIONS: This form is to be completed by the center evaluator following a telephone interview. If the respondent prefers to not answer any question, that is fine; proceed to the next item.

Center Name: _____

Please provide a numeric code for the member you are asking about: _____

Question 1.

Briefly describe the general history of your relationship to the Center. What changed in terms of your expectations about it?

Question 2.

What were the main factors, which impelled your firm to withdraw from the Center?

Probe for:

economic factors
cost/benefit mismatch
needs mismatch

personnel issues
relevance to industry needs
relevance to firm strategy

Question 3.

Did you receive any direct benefits (e.g., new research ideas, student hires, etc.) from the Center during your period of affiliation?

Question 4.

What do you think are the major strengths of the Center?

Question 5.

What are its major weaknesses?

Question 6.

Would you consider re-affiliating with the Center? What would have to happen for you to do so?

Question 7.

What general advice would you give to the Center management? To the NSF?

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP, ARE THERE ANY PARTS OF YOUR FEEDBACK THAT YOU WOULD FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH ME INCLUDING IN MY ANNUAL EVALUATOR REPORT? WHICH PARTS?

TO BE COMPETED SEPARATELY BY EVALUATOR FROM ARCHIVAL SOURCES:

FROM MOST RECENT L.I.F.E. FORMS:

Question 8.

- _____ A. How many projects were rated as "Interested"?
- _____ B. How many projects were rated as "Interested with Change"?
- _____ C. How many projects were rated as "Not Interested"?
- _____ D. From how many projects did the member refrain from providing a rating?

FROM MOST RECENT INDUSTRY PROCESS/OUTCOME SURVEY

Question 10.

In what percentage of projects did the member indicate they were interested (i.e. Question 1 from the Industry P/O survey)?

0-20%	21-40%	41-60%	61-80%	81-100%

Questions/Concerns about the questionnaire, please contact ncsuiucrc@ncsu.edu