LIFE (Level-of-Interest Feedback Evaluation) As We Know It: Current Practices and Update

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Overview

• Overview of Evaluator’s LIFE Responsibilities
• Evaluator Survey Results:
  – What is the State of LIFE?
  – Evaluator Comments and Requests
• Update on Wireless Option
• Discussion
Evaluator's LIFE Responsibilities

- **Before IAB Meeting:**
  - Confirm w/CD regarding LIFE collection process (paper vs. electronic mode)
  - If electronic, enter research projects into LIFE website (http://isl.ucf.edu/LIFE/)

- **During Meeting**
  - Provide overview of LIFE process to IAB
  - Ensure adequate time allotted after each presentation given to filling out forms
  - Collect forms & summarize comments (for paper mode)
  - Ensure LIFE comments are available to IAB and Center Researchers

- **After IAB Meeting**
  - Get copy of LIFE comments to Center Administrator for distribution to all IAB members
Survey Results

- Response Rate: 11 Evaluators • 27 Centers
- Which LIFE modalities used:
  - 52% Hard Copy
  - 41% web-based
  - 7% Wireless
- How are LIFE results reviewed at the IAB Meeting?
  - 80% Prepared Summary
  - 12% Original Life Form
  - 8% No Report-Open Discussion
Who’s Facilitating?

- Primary facilitator of the LIFE discussion evenly split.

- EVAL: 37%
- CD: 37%
- IAB Chair: 26%
Suggested reports or “tools” for web-based LIFE

- CFSP uses their own electronic LIFE forms capability with the ability for the PIs to provide their feedback during the IAB review.

- Summary report for the Directors that is a 2-dimensional matrix with the list of LIFE projects down the y-axis and a column along the x-axis for each member.

- Tabulation of interest rating by firm rather than project.

- Ability to select a smaller set of projects for review and reporting.
Comments on LIFE review process

- Paper and pencil version easy enough to use (but) leaves out IAB members unable to attend the meeting.
- LIFE forms and summary reports generated in WORD as well as .pdf to allow the evaluator to edit as needed.
- A way to enter IAB-level data on each project at the research review meeting. The results would be printed with the individual-level LIFE feedback but marked as "IAB Consensus Feedback."
- A foolproof, self-hosted version and/or a version distributed via jump-drive easily uploaded into reports.