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# IUCRC Evaluation Project Update

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# Overview

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- Evaluator Duties
- What's new for the LIFE website
- Overview of Changes to the evaluation protocol
- Recommendations from Economic Impact Assessment
  - Proposed Changes to Process/Outcome (now)
  - New Protocol for Collecting Economic Impact Data (Friday am)



# Reminders about responsibilities

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## Required Activities

- 1) Attend semi-annual evaluators' meetings (typically in January and June);
- 2) Attend semi-annual Industrial Advisory Board meetings
- 3) Prepare an "Evaluator's Report" when a new center is born and provide an annual narrative summary of significant Center developments for submission to NCSU and your Center Director;
  - a. Include Evaluator Report Face Sheet
- 4) Complete Semi-Annual Meeting Best Practice Checklist at each IAB meeting and attach to Annual Evaluator's Report for each I/UCRC.
- 5) Administer "process/outcome" questionnaires to faculty, and Industrial Advisory Board Members annually;
- 6) Prepare an annual report based on the process/outcome questionnaire data for your Center and submit to your Center Director;
- 7) Forward process outcome questionnaire data to the evaluation team at NCSU;
- 8) Provide information and feedback to NSF; and
- 9) Provide information and feedback to your Center Director.



# What's new for LIFE website

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- LIFE website code transferred from UCF to NCSU – fall, 2011
- Transition from UCF to NCSU completed, including porting all old identification information and meeting data – January, 2012
- New easy to remember link created: [www.iucrc.com](http://www.iucrc.com)
- Changes and enhanced functionality being implement...



# Implemented and Planned LIFE Upgrades

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- Changes and Upgrades implemented – Summer, 2012
  - Change PW and retrieve PW functions for administrator
  - Created an option for linking the “Process/Outcome Questionnaire”
    - Link to online P/O will appear as the last link on the meeting
  - Respondent only has to sign in once
- Changes ready for deployment
  - Comments: Comment, Question, Suggestion
    - Produces presorted summary
  - Optional meeting summary: produce spreadsheet version of feedback that can be manipulated
- Coming soon
  - Optional format: PI has ability to provide responses to specific comments made by the project reviewers
    - Summary page will show comments and responses
    - Need to address PW and confidentiality issues



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# New LIFE Demo

[www.iucrc.com](http://www.iucrc.com)



# Changes in evaluation protocol

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<b>Change</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Finalize</b>	<b>Implement</b>
<b>Complete Evaluator Report Cover Sheet (Evaluator Report)</b>	Cover sheet	June 2011	Immediate
<b>Revised Best Practice Checklist (Evaluator Report)</b>	Updated checklist	Summer 2011	Immediate
<b>Eliminate collection of exit interviews</b>	NA	NA	Immediate
<b>Collect quantifiable economic impact data</b>	PO; Interview protocol	June 2012	Fall 2012

# Recommendations from Economic Impact Feasibility Study



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- 1. Continue the existing IUCRC evaluation effort but modify the responsibilities of on-site evaluators to include collection of economic impact data.*
- 2. Modify the Process/Outcome Questionnaire to emphasize relatively proximate quantitative economic impacts. (now)***
- 3. Develop a standardized protocol and training system that facilitates collection of economic impact data by local evaluators. (tomorrow)***
- 4. Develop a simple and compelling methodology for reporting the impact data to important stakeholder groups.*
- 5. Link the revised assessment activities with the efforts to periodically collect “technology breakthrough” cases.*