Rocky Mountains CESU Partnership Criteria for Non-Federal Applicants

An applicant for partnership in the RM-CESU will be evaluated using all the criteria listed below.

1. **Mission and function**
   - Organization’s mission is related to the RM-CESU mission: education, technical assistance, and research in resource management in the Rocky Mountains
   - Primarily an educational and/or research institution and not a for-profit or political advocacy group
   - Research capacity meets peer-review and/or applicable professional standards
   - Demonstrated public purpose through involvement of students and community members in its work

2. **Professional and administrative expertise**
   - Specialized expertise applicable to the RM-CESU
   - Sufficient breadth of expertise to contribute at a variety of scales
   - Demonstrated expertise in education, technical assistance, and/or research in resource management the Rocky Mountains region
   - Demonstrated, effective administrative support structure including a procedure for addressing allegations of scientific or scholarly misconduct

3. **Linkages to existing partners**
   - Existing linkages to RM-CESU federal partners
   - Demonstrated benefit of applicant to existing partners (value added)