

# National Center for Ecologically Sustainable Water Conservation & Management (Center)



## IFC/AFS Steering Committee (SC) Stage One Requests for Statements of Interest & Qualifications (RFIQ) Applicant Evaluation Criteria

The SC will use the following criteria to evaluate whether an applicant's [RFIQ](#) Stage One online application materials received from candidate Host & Network Affiliate institutions, organizations, or combinations of them, qualify for advancement to Stage Two.

Criteria are derived from the goals, objectives, and related Center information within the 2023 [IFWLC Center Feasibility Assessment Report](#) supplemented by information and instructions included in the 11 page [RFIQ](#) Notice

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### Stage 1 Online Application Evaluation Criteria

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**Does the applicant's (or a combination of applicants') statement and links include the following types of information (not in order by priority):**

- A clear, meaningful role of formal leadership and governance for IFC and AFS leadership?
- A US and Canada scope of training?
- Capability to provide full-time experienced staff, especially leader and assistant for first three years?
- Governmental and institutional independence (i.e., budget and curriculum)?
- Capability to integrate all 8 elements in training, research, and support (including overarching socio-economic considerations) – giving equal emphasis to legal, institutional, and public involvement for fish, wildlife, and other instream flow and water level conservation uses?

- Capability to integrate lentic and lotic habitats training, research, and support (including estuarine habitats) required for fish, wildlife, and other instream flow and water level conservation uses?
- Capability to provide support to all water stakeholders? \*
- Capability to offer training opportunities on-site, off-site, and virtually?
- Specific or creative ideas for development & research?
- A vision for working with affiliates and partners, both permanent and periodic?
- Funding and/or creative ideas for helping secure funding?

**REMINDER:** Submit Stage One RFIQ applications (no more than 5 pages) via the online application submission form using the link within the [RFIQ document](#):

**Application Deadline:** 11:59 pm Pacific Time, January 21, 2025

**Criteria Questions:** [rfiq@h2o-center.org](mailto:rfiq@h2o-center.org)

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**\*Water stakeholders** include entities and individuals participating in or impacted by the interdisciplinary scientific, legal, institutional, and public involvement elements and processes that govern water allocation and use decisions and outcomes.