Metric Selection Criteria

An Additional Help for ADS Chapter 597

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Name of Relevant Result: _____

Name of Metric: _____

CRITERIA	COMMENTS
Is the Metric OBJECTIVE? • Is it unambiguous about what is being measured? • Is there general agreement over the interpretation of the results? • Is it uni-dimensional (i.e., does it measure only one phenomenon at a time)?	
Is the Metric PRACTICAL? • Can the data be collected frequently enough to inform management decisions? • Are the costs of data collection reasonable?	
Is the Metric USEFUL for management? • Useful at what level? (OO? Project? Agency?) • How will it be used?	
Is the Metric DIRECT? • Does it closely measure the result it is intended to measure? • Does it represent an acceptable measure to both proponents and skeptics? • If it is a proxy, is it as directly related to the relevant result as possible?	
Is the Metric ADEQUATE? • Taken as a group, do the metrics ensure that progress toward the given result is sufficiently captured?	
Is the Metric TIMELY? • Are data available when needed for decision making? • Are data available frequently enough for decision making?	
Is the Metric ATTRIBUTABLE to OU's effort? • Are the links between OU-supported activities and the result being measured clear and significant? • Can the result be attributed, at least in part, to the OU's efforts?	

CRITERIA	COMMENTS
Should the Metric be DISAGGREGATED? • Is disaggregation necessary and appropriate?	

OTHER COMMENTS:

RECOMMENDATION:

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