

Application Scoring Rubric

Ecological Forestry Equipment Program

Financial stability and viability (<i>must be passed</i>)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All applicant financial reviews will be performed by Cox & Palmer Law Firm to assess the financial stability and viability of the applicant, considering factors such as revenue sources, cash flow projections, and debt obligations. 	Pass or Fail
Contribution to increasing productivity in harvesting operations	/30 pts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anticipated metrics for output increase or harvesting time reduction is clearly outlined. 	/10 pts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrated understanding of how the proposed equipment will enhance productivity. 	/10 pts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specific and measurable goals for productivity improvement is provided. 	/10 pts
Integration with ecological forestry principles and technologies	/30 pts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elaboration on how the proposed equipment aligns with ecological forestry principles. 	/5 pts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explanation of how the equipment supports selective harvesting, habitat conservation, and ecosystem restoration. 	/5 pts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specific features or technologies promoting biodiversity conservation, soil health improvement, or reduced environmental impact. 	/5 pts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consideration of ecological forestry in equipment selection is highlighted. 	/5 pts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrated ecologic prescriptions in portfolio of work. 	/10 pts
Equipment fleet enhancement or replacement	/15 pts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear indication of whether the proposed purchase will add to the existing fleet or replace current equipment. 	/5 pts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details on how the equipment will support business efficiency. 	/5 pts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Description of the anticipated environmental benefits resulting from the acquisition of the equipment. 	/5 pts
Cost-benefit and alignment with long-term objectives	/15 pts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details provided on how the equipment aligns with long-term business objectives. 	/5 pts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consideration of ecological forestry practices and principles in the decision-making process. 	/5 pts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alignment with strategies for ecological forestry practices is demonstrated. 	/5 pts
Productivity measurement and tracking plan	/10 pts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed plan provided for measuring and tracking productivity gains resulting from equipment use. 	/5 pts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear explanation of metrics and methodologies for assessing productivity improvements. 	/5 pts
Score total	/100 pts

Decision Making

Fundable score threshold: 50 points

Applications scoring above the fundable score threshold will be considered for funding. The EFEP Review Committee will collectively review applications, discuss strengths and weaknesses, and prioritize funding based on overall scores and alignment with program objectives. In cases where consensus cannot be reached, further discussion and analysis will be conducted to address concerns and make informed decisions.