



**GREAT PLAINS BIOCHAR INITIATIVE
GRANT APPLICATION SCORING RUBRIC**

**Project is located in Nebraska or
Kansas**

**YES _____
NO _____**

	Exemplary 3 POINTS	Adequate 2 POINTS	Needs Improvement 1 POINT	Missing 0 POINTS
Project Summary	Provides a clear description of the proposed project and project goal are in line with GPBI goals	Project's purpose is stated and some evidence of need is provided. Proposal aligns with GPBI goals	Project description is provided but more than one question is raised about the need and alignment with GPBI goals	Project summary is missing
Potential to Grow Biochar Markets	Provides a clear explanation of how the project supports the growth of biochar markets through logical descriptions	Explanation provided of how the project supports the growth of biochar market.	Explanation provided of how the project supports the growth of biochar market but logic is missing or faulty	Explanation missing of how the project supports the growth of biochar markets
Environmental Benefits of the Project	Environmental benefits are multiple and well described. Environmentally sound practices are to be implemented	Environmental benefits are multiple but their connection to the project goals are not clear	Environmental benefits are singular, benefits to the project are not defined	Environmental benefits of the project are absent
Project Success Metrics	Clear metrics are described to measure project success and a plan for reaching metrics is present	Metrics are present but plan for reaching metrics is absent	Metrics are vague, plan for reaching metrics absent	Metrics absent
Project Team	Proposal identifies appropriate partners, each of which adds value to the proposal	Proposal shows some indication of appropriate partners	Appropriate partners are missing and/or at least one partner's contribution to the project is unclear	Project team is absent
Components below are not required for a successful project proposal				
Educational Components	If applicable, educational components of the project are described in detail with intended outcomes and goals	If applicable, educational components are described, details are lacking. Goals and/or outcomes are present.	Educational components is described but goals and outcomes are unclear	Educational component is absent
Data Collection Process	If applicable, data collection process is described in detail and plans for data upon completion are identified	If applicable, data collection process is described, plans for data upon completion are vague	Data collection process is unclear	Data collection process absent