

14. Time schedule	Number of months	Estimated completion date
Construction		
Start up operations		

15. Proposed method of project financing. Indicate actual and potential sources
16. Proposed sources of revenue for bank loan repayment. Indicate user fee system to be used, if any
17. Additional information

C. Step II: Project Proposal Submission Process

Step II of the project submission process may be completed in conjunction with, or subsequent to, completion of the Step I form. Step II involves provision of detailed project proposal information to the BECC in the following areas (1) general project description, (2) environmental assessment, (3) technical feasibility, (4) economic and financial feasibility, (5) social aspects, (6) community participation, and (7) operation and maintenance. The BECC requests that project information be submitted in the same order and using the same alphanumeric system as in this document.

The proposed project must meet fundamental BECC criteria for project certification. Beyond the ability of a project to meet fundamental BECC criteria, projects will be given additional priority ratings using sustainable development evaluation criteria which will prioritize projects that meet standards above and beyond fundamental criteria. The fundamental and sustainable development criteria are indicated for each of the seven sections described above. The process is designed to prioritize projects which achieve the BECC objectives to promote binational cooperation and to help preserve, protect, and enhance the environment.

1. General Description of the Project Information Requested

- Project Originator/s. Provide information for each project originator including, lead project manager, main contact for each project originator (if applicable), addresses, phone numbers, fax numbers, and Email addresses.
- Project Location. Describe the geographical location of the project and provide a map.
- Environmental Issue. Describe the environmental issue to be addressed by the project.
- Project Alternatives. Describe alternative methods considered to solve the environmental issue including the consequences of a no project alternative.

e. Project Justification. Justify the project including aspects which make project execution necessary.

f. Project Strengths and Weaknesses. Discuss project strengths and weaknesses and available resources to overcome the weaknesses.

g. Binational Aspects. Discuss difficulties created by the binational scope of the project and how these difficulties might be resolved.

Fundamental BECC Criteria

- The project must be within 100 km (62 miles) of the U.S./Mexican border or has been found by the BECC, in concurrence with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Mexican Secretario de Desarrollo Social, to remedy a transboundary environmental or health issue within the 100 km (62 mile) zone.

Sustainable Development Criteria

- National or Binational Project. A binational project will receive a higher priority for this criterion than a project which affects only one country.
- Extent of Local or Regional Environmental Benefit. A project which has a higher positive environmental impact at the local and/or regional level will be given a higher priority.
- Scope of Project Impact. A project which addresses a cross-border, regional environmental priority will receive a higher priority than a project which addresses a regional priority within only one country. A project which addresses a local priority in only one country will receive a lower priority.

2. Environment

The goal of BECC is to help preserve, protect, and enhance the environment in a sustainable manner in order to improve the quality of life in the U.S./Mexico border region. The applicant should ensure that all negative environmental impacts of the project have been identified and considered in the project evaluation process, that appropriate safeguards have been included in the project for unforeseen impacts which could cause damage to natural resources, and that projects are in compliance with appropriate local, regional, state, and federal environmental regulations.

Information Requested

- Documentation of Environmental Regulatory Compliance. Project

originators must coordinate with appropriate local, regional, state, and federal agencies to identify all environmental impacts to natural and cultural resources as early in the project planning process as possible. Documentation of project approval by appropriate regulatory organizations must be provided to BECC prior to certification. There must be a credible schedule to obtain permits prior to start of construction.

- Provide a list of all environmental issues affected by project development.
- Describe environmental action required, including no action, regulatory organization requiring the action, proof of action completed or proof of approval for method to complete the action in the future, and contact person.
- List required permits, regulatory organization providing permit, date permit approved, proof of approval, and contact person.
- Provide copies of all documents submitted to regulatory agencies to BECC.

b. Conformance with Local and Regional Conservation and Development Plans. Projects submitted to the BECC must conform with local and regional plans.

- List applicable local and regional plans, agency with authority, and contact person.
- Describe how the project complies with the plans.

c. Environmental Assessment. Discuss short, medium, and long-term impacts on biological diversity, sensitive environmental habitats, and human health. Include an analysis of environmental risks, negative and positive impacts, mitigation of negative impacts, environmental standards and objectives of the affected area, and project alternatives including implications of not implementing the project, and appropriate additional information which has not already been described in documents provided to the BECC.

Fundamental BECC Criteria

- Compliance with Applicable Environmental Regulations. All projects certified by the BECC must comply with all appropriate environmental regulations. Projects which do not comply with appropriate environmental regulations cannot be certified.
- Conformance with Applicable Local and Regional Plans. All projects