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TECHNICAL/MERIT REVIEW

Proposal Title:

Investigators:

Reviewer’s name and rating will remain confidential. However, your comments may be helpful in assisting the PI with preparation of a strong, revised proposal, therefore we suggest preparation of comments in a form which can be shared with the PI. Please indicate in the space provided on the proposal review sheet if you do not wish to have your comments shared with the PI.

Completed reviews may be transmitted directly to: the Principal Investigator in a sealed envelope marked “CONFIDENTIAL”. Alternatively, reviews may be sent by email directly to Dr. Paul Kindstedt, Competitive Hatch Program Coordinator, at paul.kindstedt@uvm.edu. Reviews must be received no later than April 26, 2004, at 4:00 p.m.

REVIEWS: Please use the attached Proposal Review Sheet. We need your expert judgment in the following areas:

1. Scientific and Technical Feasibility: This is the most important criteria for ranking proposals. Discuss the scientific and technical quality of the Research Plan. How will this research advance knowledge in the stated area of investigation? Why should this proposal be funded?

2. Objectives: Are the objectives clearly stated and logical? Will they lead toward solving the research problem or achieving project goals?

3. Methods: Are the methods appropriate to meet the proposed objectives? Is the approach valid, relevant and innovative?

4. Are the investigators qualified to perform the proposed work? Do they have the necessary training and expertise to carry out the experimental plan?

5. Overall assessment of scientific merit: (Check box on following page).

Excellent: Outstanding, novel and innovative, thorough proposal.
Very Good: An above-average proposal with room for improvement.
Good: An acceptable but slightly below average proposal.
Fair: Below average, some technical errors.
Poor: Substantive problems, errors.
## PROPOSAL REVIEW SHEET

Comments: (If needed, use additional sheets)

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