2013 RURS Judging Rubric

GENERAL JUDGING GUIDELINES: Since your scores will determine prize winners, please reserve top scores for projects which you feel in your professional judgment are exceptional and merit award.

Technical Merit (66% of overall score)

- *Is the purpose of the project clear? Meaningful? Are conclusions well drawn and relevant?* (i.e., well-articulated question/problem; data/examples pertinent to project aims; conclusions appropriate and clearly based on outcomes/analysis of findings)
- *Is there a broader context to the work?* (i.e., project contextualized within field/literature; explanation of why project matters/potential for application)
- *Are the methods suitable to the field?* (i.e., design/approach tailored to field of study and appropriate for stated project aims)

Presentation (33% of overall score)

- *Have goals, methods and findings been clearly communicated orally and visually?* (i.e., essential information is highlighted, non-essential information is minimal or absent; clear and logical flow of information)
- *Is the poster visually attractive and well organized?* (i.e., use of color, graphics, images, text, labeling, and font maximize key ideas and overall understanding)
- *Do the oral presentation and responses to questions demonstrate an understanding of the topic?* (i.e., presenter(s) offer clear and succinct summary of project, emphasize key points, use clear and well-paced speech, make eye contact, answer questions clearly and directly, and in ways that supplement presentation)