Evaluating Alaska EPSCoR: Scope and Purpose

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What is the Purpose and Scope of the Evaluation?

- Track institutionalization and structure of project (rel goals).
- Assess progress toward goals.
- Track collaborative development, integration processes, and related outcomes.
- Understand and assess impacts on students, stakeholders.
- Assess capacity development across ACE.
- Identify and assess impacts of ACE activities on team, stakeholders, institutions, and academic/non academic-audiences.

**Formative**
- Areas of concern and opportunity
- Recommendations

**Summative**
- Early developments
- Outcomes and impacts
- Evidence
How are we exploring these issues?

**Document review**
- Familiarity with project and context
- Track project developments
- Respond to NSF feedback and requests

**Data Collection**
- Trackable quantitative survey, social network, grant and publication data.
- Rich qualitative data to reveal nuances of ACE activities.

**Engagement**
- Regular interaction with ACE PI and staff
- Track changes and emerging issues in project
- Midterm and annual report with recommendations.

**Our Data Sources**
- Alaska ACE documents
- Faculty, Student, Admin Interviews
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Faculty and Student Surveys
- Bibliometric/Proposal Data
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This Year’s Evaluation

- Project developments
- Early production
- Targeted audiences
- Potential impacts

- Engage, interests, benefits

- Observation/Document Review
- Test case developments
- Challenges
- Leadership changes, NSF feedback

- Interviews
- Network development
- Early integration
- Production/impact opportunities

- Student Survey

- Faculty Survey