

Portfolio Discussion

This was provided to MWR Science Centers prior to Center Reviews

The Science Portfolio is a collection of science themes that are based on a Center's areas of expertise and aligned with DOI and USGS science priorities. The goal is to have a science portfolio that balances the Center's scientific capabilities with the needs of DOI, USGS and our partners/cooperators. The science portfolio represents the breath of work being done at a center and should be describe in no more than 5-7 thematic areas.

The science portfolio should be reviewed each year to ensure that new opportunities, shift in program priorities at the local, regional, and national level and changes in partner/cooperator needs are still being addressed. This annual assessment will also help us define a Center's core capabilities and ensure that the science portfolio aligns with this core.

Center Presentation – 30 minutes

This presentation should focus on the Center's science portfolio with emphasis on the strategic science direction of the Center for the next 1-3 years. For each thematic area you should briefly discuss the items listed below.

1. Science
 - a. DOI priorities alignment
 - b. Mission(s) area alignment
 - c. MWR initiative alignment
 - d. Products produced
 - e. Partners involved
 - f. Type of science (emerging issues, monitoring, partner driven, etc...)
 - g. Geographically or virtual based work (staff from other centers)
 - h. Link to Workforce Plan
2. Return on Investment(ROI)
 - a. Products/cost
 - b. New opportunities
 - c. Late reports/Impacts and Actions
3. Product development/Management tools – are there opportunities to develop new products or decision support tools
4. Next Steps and Improvements

Link:

DOI Strategic Plan – information you need is on page 42-43

http://www.doi.gov/pmb/ppp/upload/DOI_StrategicPlan_fy2011_2016.pdf