**Section 980.50 Application Review Criteria**

Applications shall be subject to a nontechnical and technical review as follows:

a) Criteria for the nontechnical review shall include:

1) adherence to the format specified in Section 980.40;

2) inclusion of all required forms as specified in Section 980.40; and

3) the inclusion of a response to each required item as specified in Section 980.40 for the particular type of application.

b) The technical review shall be based on the following criteria:

1) the activities identified by the applicant will lead to achievement of the objectives;

2) the project objectives are achievable in the stated timeframe;

3) the evaluation methods measure progress toward the identified objectives;

4) the budget required in Section 980.40(a)(8) provides sufficient resources and justifies the need for funds to carry out the project; and

5) continuation applicants have documented the status of each activity in support of the current year objectives and have provided an estimate of the extent to which each current year objective will be met.