



**New Jersey Department of Transportation
Bureau of Multimodal Grants and Programs
Rail Freight Assistance Program Grant Application Rating
Form**



Reviewer Name: _____	Review Date: _____
Reviewer Unit: Multimodal Grants and Programs	Reviewer Phone: _____

Name of Project: _____
Name of Alignment: _____
Sponsor: _____
County: _____
Municipality: _____
MP From: _____ MP To: _____
Type of Improvement: _____ Fiscal Year: _____

Evaluation Data	Existing	New
Number of Jobs Created		
Number of Customers		
Number of Cars		
BC Ratio		

Essential Criteria (15 Points Max.):

No.	Criteria	Definition	Measure / Documentation	Points	Points Awarded
	Eligibility	<p align="center">Does Project meets following criteria:</p> <p>(a) Significant to port commerce connectivity</p> <p>(b) Eliminate rail freight missing links to port facilities</p> <p>(c) Upgrade freight rail trackage to a 286,000 pound load carrying capacity</p> <p align="center">If No, STOP and do not rate the application, if Yes continue rating application</p>	Application	N/A	N/A
(1)	Economic	• Does the project maintain existing jobs?	Application	• 0 to 2	
		• Does the project support new jobs?	Application	• 0 to 2	
		• Does it increase the number of businesses served by rail?	Application	• 0 to 3	
(2)	Freight Distribution	• Will the project improve customer service?	Application	• 0 to 2	
		• Will the project increase service reliability?	Application	• 0 to 3	
(3)	Energy and Environment	• Does the project reduce truck emissions and fuel consumption?	Application	• 0 or 1	
		• Does it improve the safety of transportation of hazardous materials?	Check Customer list	• 0 or 1	
(4)	Highway Congestion Mitigation	• Does the project reduce long haul trucking?	Application	• 0 or 1	

Essential Criteria Subtotal (15 Points Max.) = _____



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Secondary Criteria (10 Points Max.):

No.	Criteria	Definition	Measure / Documentation	Points	Points Awarded
(1)	System/ safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the project a systematic or line improvement, which improves the state's rail system? 	Line improvement	• 0 to 3	
(2)	Continuation of Previously Funded Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is this a continuation of a partially funded RFAP project from a prior year? 	Refer to prior year funding	• 0 or 1	
(3)	Benefit cost Ratio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How strong is the benefit cost ratio? Between 1 and 5.9 = 1 Point Between 6 and 9.9 = 2 Points Above 10 = 3 Points 	Benefit / Cost Calculation	• 0 to 3	
(4)	Quality Assurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant provides a clearly define scope of work and cost estimation 	Application	• 0 to 2	
(5)	Applicant Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has this applicant met previous requirements for program implementation? Does the applicant have a history of executing agreements within 6 months and preparing error-free invoices? 	MGaP Records, Invoice Log	• 0 or 1	

Secondary Criteria Subtotal (10 Points Max.) = _____

Tie Breaker (3 Points Max.) (Complete ONLY if any two or more Applications receive tied scores):

No.	Criteria	Definition	Measure/Documentation	Points	Points Awarded
(1)	Readiness to Construct	Will the project be ready for construction by the time the grant is awarded? Yes = 2 Points No = 0 Points	Application; NJDOT field review	0 or 2	
(2)	Existing Structure's Condition	If applicable, what is the condition of the Existing Structure? Fair = 0 Points Poor = 1 Point	Application; NJDOT field review	0 or 1	

Tie Breaker Subtotal (3 Points Max.) = _____

Essential Criteria Subtotal (15 Points Max.) = _____

Secondary Criteria Subtotal (10 Points Max.) = _____

Tie Breaker Subtotal (3 Points Max.) = _____

TOTAL POINTS = _____

TOTAL POINTS (with Tie Breaker) = _____



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Rater's Notes / Comments:

A large, empty rectangular box intended for the rater's notes and comments.

(REVIEWER SIGNATURE)

(DATE)