

ATTACHMENT A.2: PAPER SURVEY FOR EDITORIAL BOARD REVIEWERS

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- 1) How well did the orientation materials for editorial board reviewers prepare you to review the applications?
- 2) How was the quality of the first stage reviews? How helpful were the reviews in assisting you to score the applications?
- 3) What materials in the application did you use and how often did you use them to help you assess the qualifications and potential of the investigators, institutional support, and the project?
- 4) Comment on the effectiveness of the subsections of the Research Strategy and whether they were helpful to your evaluation of the applicant.
- 5) What comments do you have in regards to the number of assigned applications to score?
- 6) What comments do you have in regards to the time commitment required to score the applications (e.g., read application and first stage review, assess, score, etc.)?
- 7) What comments do you have about the format of the interview – 5 minutes for investigators to give a succinct summary, 15 minutes for board to have questions and answers with investigators, and 10 minutes for board members to have a discussion?
- 8) Please comment on how successful the first stage review and editorial board review process has been in identifying strong investigators for the EIA program.
- 9) How could NIH improve the EIA first stage and editorial board review process?
- 10) What review criteria do you consider to be most important for the EIA program, and why?
- 11) How could NIH improve the EIA program?