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PROJECT TITLE [Same as original IREF title]

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**Project Summary**

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**Keywords:** [50 words max. Keywords *formatted in italicized font,* including any acronyms, both as full terms *and* abbreviations. Be sure to include keywords tied to your research which will help readers find your work in research and library databases.]

**Background**

[500 words max. Explain the relevance of this study and how you conducted it.

-State the purpose of your study in relation to the Topic Sponsor’s command and operational requirements, (e.g., what communities or functional areas, such as manpower, operations, etc. could be affected by your research results?) How does your study integrate with the sponsor’s command requirements? How might the results aid their mission accomplishment?

-State the purpose of your study in relation to the expansion of knowledge, (e.g., to apply theory to an empirical test, to better understand the relationship between variables, to determine the effectiveness of a method, technology, or program). Past research by you and/or others should be referenced in this section, including the relationship of your study to current knowledge of a problem.

-Provide a description of the methodology for the study. Discuss your data collection approach, as well as data analysis conducted, (e.g.,interviews, sources of raw data, and reliability of the raw data, analytical approaches taken in breaking down data for stakeholders, student role in the research). If applicable, include your original expectations or hypotheses.]

**Findings and Conclusions**

[500 words max. State your findings, discuss the implications, and make formal recommendations for applying the study results.

-Discuss the findings of your research: Do your results confirm, in full or in part, your original expectations or predictions? Which hypotheses were supported, and why? Which hypotheses were not supported, and why? Did you find that any hypotheses or variables were interrelated? If so, what and why? What limitations are inherent in your research procedures and what, if any, are the implications for results?

-What are the long- and short-term implications of your findings? Do your results fulfill the purpose of your study in relation to the expansion of knowledge mentioned earlier? How do your findings relate to those of other cited researchers?

-Discuss the relationship of your results to the original problem and purpose: How could/will your research conclusions make a difference, help solve the problem, or improve the operational situation? **How will the Topic Sponsor implement your findings? Solicit input from Topic Sponsor (required).**

-Make formal recommendations for applying study results.]

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