EMPA Awards for Excellence – judging criteria



Research

A seat at the table and the project itself	 What was the problem/research question/s – and was it clearly stated? How well did the project answer an agency question? How applicable to operational activity was the project? What was the process you used to research the problem? What were the key outcomes – and were they clear? Were opportunities taken to work with (other) agencies?
Creating connections	 Were opportunities taken to work with other agencies? Have the research outcomes provided a foundation for further relationships or built substantially on an existing network? Has the project or activity provided a foundation for further research and/or built substantially on an existing research?
Community focus and research ethics	 How well was the target/participant community/ies researched and understood in the development of the project or activity? How well did the project or activity recognise the diversity within a community and then accommodate these with diversity in participant recruitment? How well were obstacles and problems articulated? What were the shortcomings/limitations of the project – and how will these be used in lessons learned in future?
Creating networks	 What cross-agency co-operation occurred within the project (where relevant)? What existing foundations were leveraged? What network improvements were made within the agency/ies (or could potentially be made) during or as a result of the research findings? How did you conduct extension with agencies about your research results? How well were the results translated into implementable actions?