

**Mountain Studies Institute
Science and Innovation Center Steering Committee
February 2018 Questionnaire**

(Can be completed in writing or in course of phone conference or in-person meeting to be scheduled with MSI. If in writing, MSI will still schedule meeting/phone call to discuss answers.)

Steering Committee Member(s) Name(s) and Organization

(One response per organization please)

Interview Questions (please take as much space as necessary for written responses)

a) Please describe the constituency you represent on the Steering Committee

b) Please list your organization's highest priority hard rock mining challenges, in order of importance.

c) Are there lower priority challenges that can be addressed or other benefits that a Center can provide that would bring value to you and your constituency?

d) What are the key challenges you foresee in developing a Center to address your hard rock mining priorities? (e.g., staffing, funding, physical facilities, legal, governmental, etc.).

e) Are you aware of other initiatives or entities with similar goals/missions? How could the Steering Committee and eventually the Center itself best work with these entities going forward?

f) There are potentially a number of ways to structure and/or operate a Center or Centers. These include, a physical location near mine sites, a virtual network, a hosted

entity, etc., or a combination of the foregoing. There are advantages and disadvantages to each of these options. Please provide your list of advantages and disadvantage to each of these three options or other structure options you identify.

g) Resource and funding for scoping, start up and long term operations of a Center will be required. Please provide your suggestions for short and long term funding and resource options. Short term might include governmental, industry, academic and philanthropic options. Long term could include those options, and/or some type of fee structure for users of the Center. Please list any other funding and resource options you see potential for that are not suggested here.

h) If a Center(s) is to succeed, what are the key partners in your view (from the Steering Committee or otherwise) that must have a primary role in its development and operation? And if you envision multiple Centers, please list your key partners relevant to each Center.

i) What is your organization's level of willingness to engage in the development of a Center(s) on a scale of 1 (not really willing) to 10 (extremely willing)?? And by engagement we mean things, for example, such as serving on a work group to develop a charter or operating details for the Center and/or serving on an eventual Board of Directors of a Center.

j) What other issues do you think should be surfaced for the Steering Committee to consider regarding the potential for a Center? And, any comments on the prospectus that has been circulated so that we can create a new and improved version?