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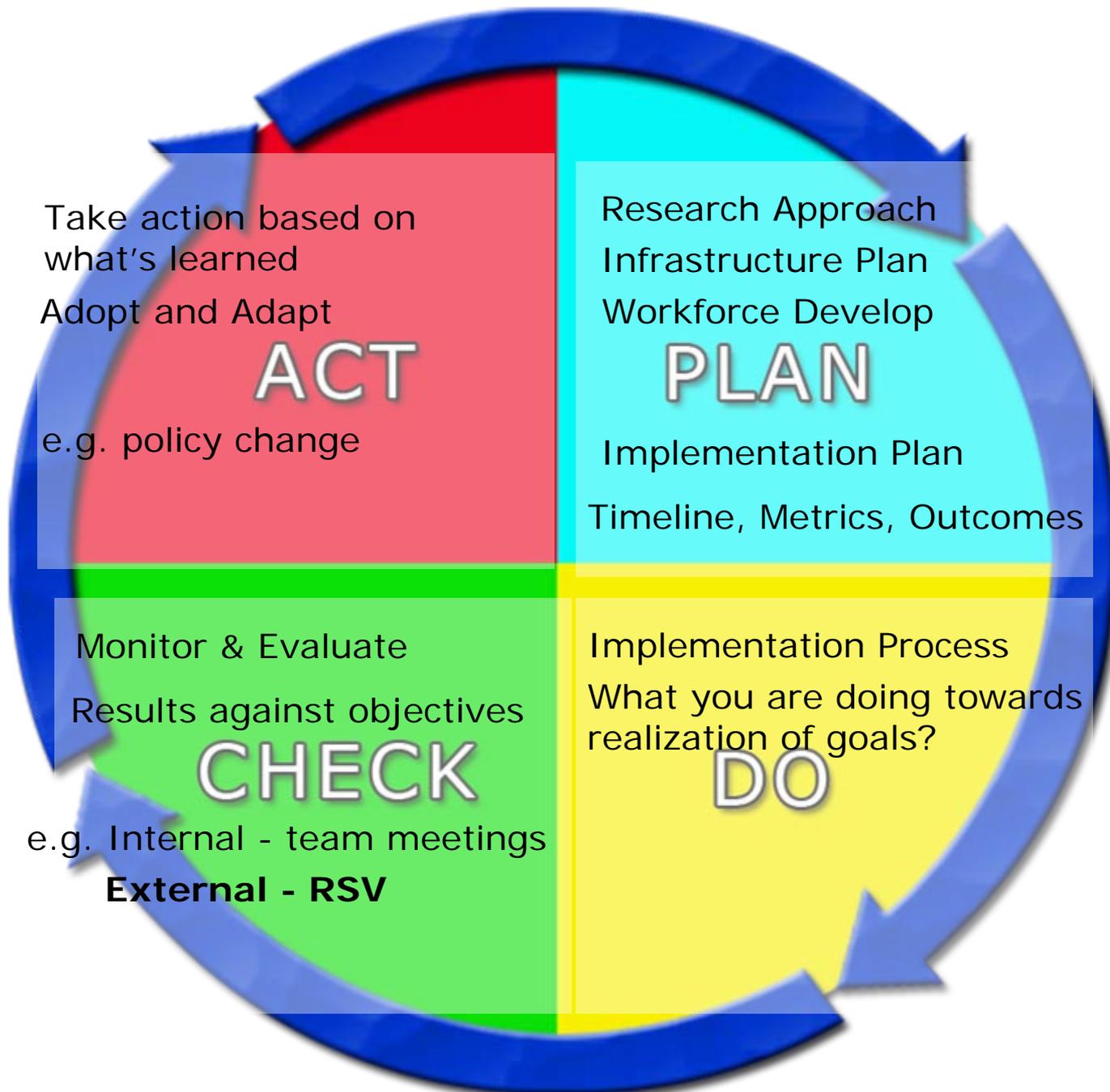
REVERSE SITE VISITS

A Strategic Program Management Tool

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Reverse Site Visits

- Allow EPSCoR Jurisdictions to report on their current projects' accomplishments
- Permit a panel to assess reported progress and provide recommendations
- Provide guidance to EPSCoR jurisdictions on the accomplishment of their established goals and objectives
- Assist the EPSCoR Office in its responsible oversight of RII awards



Focus of Jurisdictions' Project Update

- The current project's progress to date relative to established goals and objectives
- Address program specific review criteria under which the award was made
 - Strategic fidelity and impact
 - Evaluation and Assessment
 - Value added
 - Sustainability
 - Outreach & Communication Plan
 - Diversity Plan
 - Management Plan
 - Cyberinfrastructure Plan



Focus of Jurisdictions' Project Update (+)

- Progress on special conditions of the award
- Progress relative to the approved strategic plan for the RII project
- Any significant barriers and challenges that the project has encountered and actions taken to address them
- Potential changes to ensure accomplishment of the project's goals and objectives



Focus of Jurisdictions' Project Update (+)

The effectiveness of the project's management and leadership in

- promoting the specific infrastructure investment areas
- strengthening the noted research focus area(s)
- integrating research with education and innovation
- employing an appropriate evaluation system
- allocating financial resources in a compatible and timely manner



RSV Session Format

- Project Team Update 1.5 hours
- Questions and Answers 1 hour
- Panel Executive Session 1 hour
- Initial Feedback to Project Team



Panel Assessment

- Appropriateness of the jurisdiction's investment relative to accomplishment of the project's goals and objectives
- Evidence that the jurisdiction's integrated investment strategy is yielding a substantial improvement in research competitiveness



Panel Assessment (+)

- Sufficient linkages between the project's research, education, and innovation endeavors and the effective use of those linkages
- Project management strategies to ensure an increased participation, e.g., institutional, individual, disciplinary, geographic, etc.



Panel Assessment (+)

- Evaluation plans suitable for tracking progress toward the accomplishment of established goals and objectives
- Plans for sustainability that are clear, reasonable and viable



Panel Assessment (+)

- A communication and dissemination strategy to enable sharing data, research findings
- Results supportive of NSF's Strategic goals of advancing Discovery (Ideas), Learning (People) and Research Infrastructure (Tools)



How Panel Findings Are Used

- Review and respond to panel findings and recommendations

Enhance what is working

Adopt and Adapt

Develop Appropriate Corrective Action Plan

Use to plan additional improvements



FY 2008 RSV Schedule

- **September 9-11, 2008**

New Hampshire

Nebraska

Puerto Rico

Arkansas

- **September 16-18, 2008**

Alaska

Louisiana

Montana

Vermont

