DTC Open Collaboration Project Assessment Criteria

1. Form
   a. Is the application filled out fully?
   b. Did they select a Project Type?
   c. Did they select a license **for** that Project Type?
   d. Did they indicate the Sponsoring Body?
   e. Did they indicate who the Leads will be, running the project?
2. Fit
   a. Is the intent within the scope of the DTC?
   b. Is the intent within the scope of the Sponsoring Body?
   c. Connection with other projects, Sponsoring Bodies, or external organizations that may be interested?
      i. This includes both complementary and competition connections. Competition is **fine**, this is not the SDO specification space, we are not to pick winners and losers here. However, if they are 'competing' with another project, we'd like to know because there are often common ground elements that lead to future specifications in interesting ways.
   d. Standards being implemented and/or used? Are they being used as a foundation, or extended?
3. Function
   a. Do they have a set of criteria for accepting pull requests or other contributions? (Reviewers, code style, API use, testing (unit and/or regression), etc.) (i.e. ascertain what their readiness is for collaborative work with the community)
   b. What is the release methodology? If none exists, do they at least have an idea of the plan? (i.e. ascertain what their readiness is for supporting the user community)
   c. Are there existing entities ready to contribute resources to the project? Who do they see recruiting to the effort in the next year?
   d. What are their success criteria for the project?
   e. Of the dependencies listed, are the dependencies robust and reliable for the expected lifetime of the project?
4. Flags
   a. Are there dependencies on proprietary and/or commercial products or tools that require payment?
      i. If so, can the project be re-cast as a general tool of which that dependency is to an **example** technology, with the intention to allow and support other technologies that fulfill the same purpose?
      ii. If 4.a.i can't be accomplished, is there a pressing need for the proprietary portion of the project? Can the dependency be licensed for use by the

community? (look for options that allow the project without ending up being a de facto marketing program or product pitch for the proprietary technology)
b. Financial sponsorships – any conflicts of interest?
     i. Corporate resources being offered through membership are fine, but be on the lookout for external non-members providing direct financial support to members to act on their behalf.
     ii. Governmental and academic grants are generally acceptable.
c. Any expectations of time limits that are potentially problematic:
     i. Are there licenses from dependencies that they expect to lapse?
     ii. Are there any IP time horizons (patents or other encumbrance filings) where contributions now may be expiring?