Terms and Conditions

Purpose and Goals
As an engaged institution, the University of Nebraska at Omaha relies on community partnerships to fulfill its metropolitan mission. The Community Engagement Partnership Initiative (CEPI) tracks, analyzes, and visualizes UNO’s community partners and projects. The CEPI tool was created by the UNO Community Engagement Measurement and Assessment Committee as an integral strategy in advancing UNO’s research agenda of measuring community impact.

The CEPI tool tells an important story about how our teaching, service, and research is entrenched into our community. A diverse set of analytical reports and maps are available to provide transparency and answer questions about our engagement activities. By geographically mapping our partnerships and engaged projects, categorizing them into focus areas addressed, types of organizations, and legislative district activity – we are able to provide evidence that our impact reaches further than our campus.

Criteria and Process
The tool has multiple audiences. The consumption of information will occur by internal and external audiences while the data entry will largely occur by internal audiences. A community partner is defined as an organization external to the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) that is engaged in community engagement projects with UNO.

Community engagement projects could include service learning, volunteerism and service, engaged research, access to higher education, and knowledge/resource sharing efforts. Community partners are categorized as government organizations, nonprofits, K-12 schools, businesses, and higher education institutions.

While adding community partners does not require a login and can therefore happen by anyone, inclusion of community partners in the data presentations will only occur once the partner is connected to an engaged project with the university. Data entry of engagement projects will only occur by credentialed campus users. Individuals affiliated with the University of Nebraska can register for credentialed access by associating themselves with a campus partner (an engaged unit within UNO) and require a campus email address.

The addition of a community partner to the CEPI is not an endorsement of the organization by the University of Nebraska.

Removal of the Organization
If an organization requests to be removed from the database, the project lead will remove it. If the inclusion of an organization in the database is questioned, the committee will only remove the partner after a review and approval from the UNO Compliance Officer.