1. Criteria should be used in choosing an appropriate requirements engineering tool.

* Requirements traceability mechanism
* Requirements analysis mechanism
* Security and accessibility mechanism
* Portability and backend compatibility
* Configuration management approach
* Communication and collaboration mechanism
* Change management support
* Online publishing support
* Usability features such as word processor compatibility
* SRS documentation format

These evaluation dimensions can be used by engineers to compare various commercial and open-source requirements management tools prior to adoption.