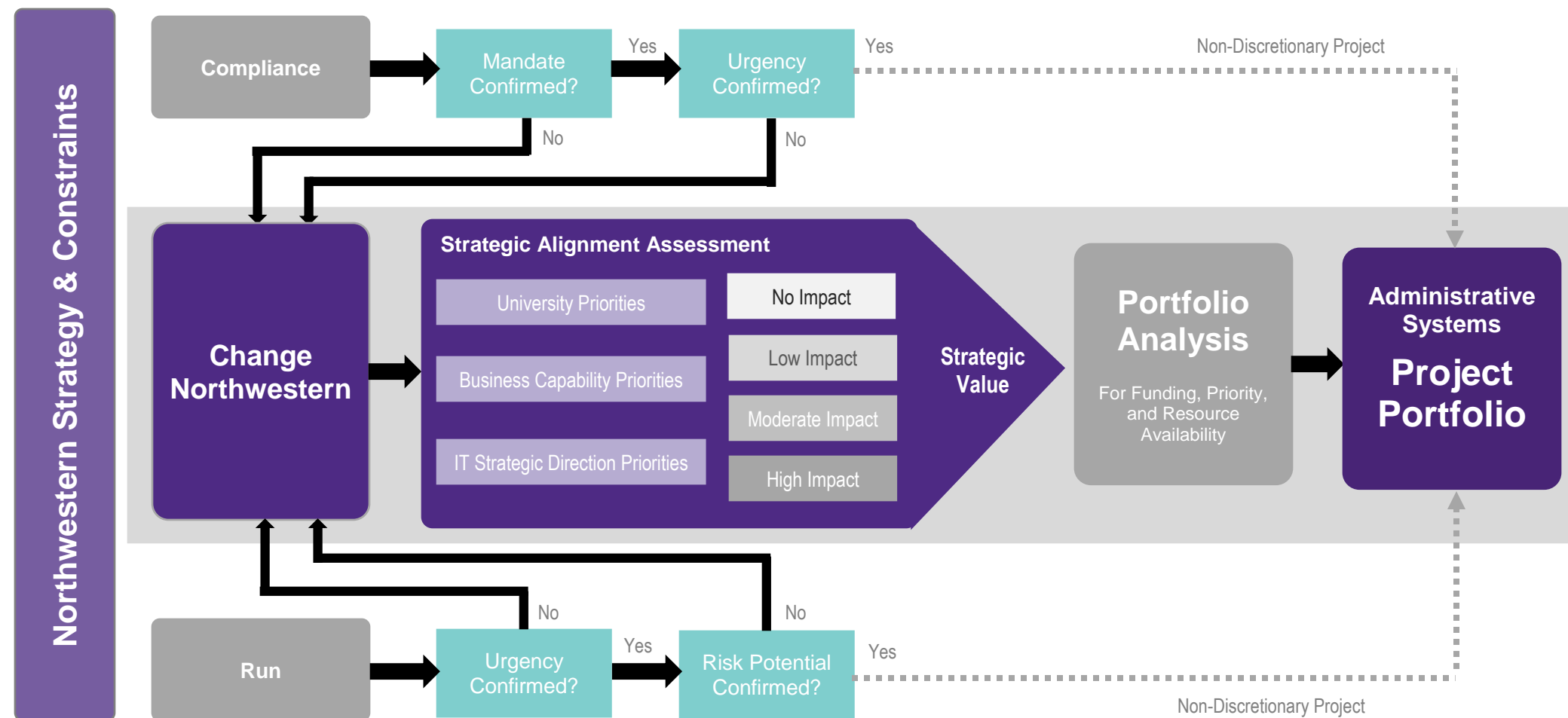


## Project Request Validation Process

### Project Request Validation and Selection Framework

The process provides a mechanism for selecting projects that provide the most value and benefit for Northwestern. Requested projects will be assessed and validated using criteria aligned to Northwestern strategies, goals, and objectives.



- **Change Northwestern** projects are *discretionary*. Each request will be assessed for strategic value to Northwestern.
- **Compliance** projects are *non-discretionary*. Each project request will be validated for mandate, compliance, and urgency.
- **Run** projects are *non-discretionary*. Each project request will be validated for urgency and risk for Northwestern.

### Compliance

The primary purpose of *Compliance* projects is to ensure compliance with applicable laws, regulations, agreements, etc. Northwestern IT will have limited-to-no flexibility in choosing the work that needs to be performed and by when the project will be delivered.

### Run

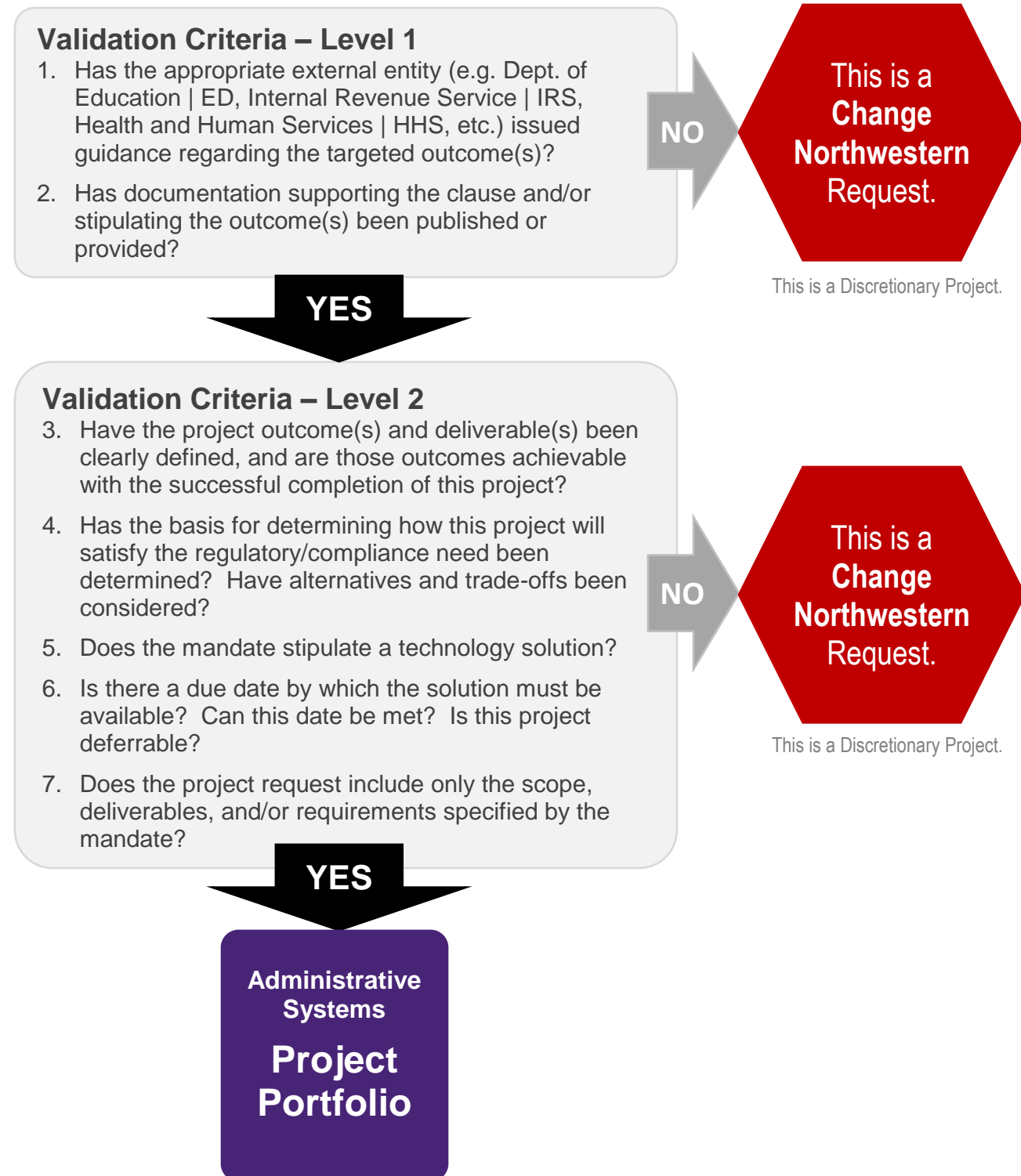
The primary purpose of *Run* projects is to maintain current capabilities and/or performance. Northwestern will have limited flexibility in choosing the work that needs to be performed and by when the project will be delivered.

### Change Northwestern

The primary purpose of *Change Northwestern* projects is to improve, change, or add business / technical capabilities or to increase efficiency and/or productivity.

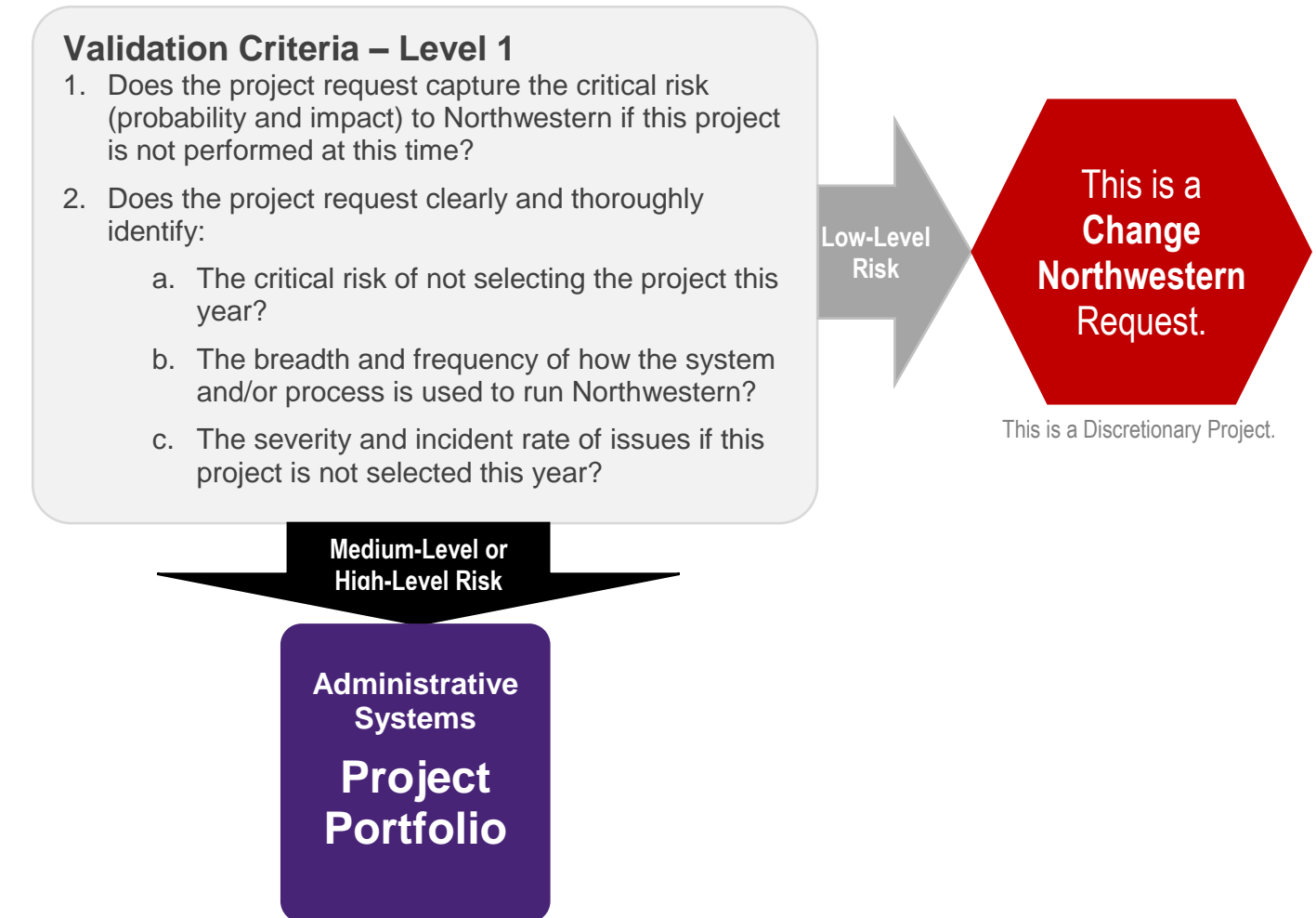
## Compliance Validation

Compliance projects are non-discretionary. Northwestern has little-to-no flexibility in the choosing the work and the delivery due date.



## Run Validation

Run projects are non-discretionary. Northwestern has limited flexibility in the choosing the work and the delivery due date.



### Risk Assessment Guide

Probability	Impact				
	Very Low	Low	Medium	High	Very High
Highly Likely	Critical Risks (H)				
Likely					
Moderate	Medium-Level Risks (M)				
Unlikely					
Very Unlikely	Low-Level Risks (L)				