

Item 5 – Contract Approval for 2019 Hydro-geological Services

In October, the board authorized District staff to execute a contract for 2019 hydrogeological services with WSP, USA (formerly LBG-Guyton). There are number of things that have transpired since that time which the board needs to be made aware of:

- John Seifert retired from WSP, USA and began his own consulting firm.
- John was to continue doing our hydro work through a second firm that would contract with WSP. WSP would have done all the billing. All of the same people from past years would have been involved doing our work.
- WSP and the second firm could not come to an agreement on terms of the contract between the two.
- John Seifert is now going to take the lead with his own firm (Ground Water Consultants, LLC) and hire WSP as contractors to his firm. GW Consultants, LLC will do all of the billing. All of the same people from past years would still be involved.
- John has all of the insurance and necessary coverage to perform the work required on him.

The Board needs to execute a contract with GW Consultants, LLC to replace, or in addition to, the contract with WSP. The WSP contract could sit idle with no work being charged to it.

It is the recommendation of the General Manager that the District execute a contract with Ground Water Consultants, LLC (John Siefert) for 2019 hydro-geological services required by the District.

Ground Water Consultants, LLC

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January 2, 2019

Mr. Alan Day
General Manager
Brazos Valley Groundwater Conservation District
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Re: Groundwater Consulting Services for 2019

Dear Mr. Day:

As requested, our firm is pleased to provide this proposal for general groundwater consulting services to assist the District as it performs its duties that are part of overall operations. The services that are envisioned include general groundwater resources assessments, review of hydrogeological reports regarding new large volume well permits, collection and review of groundwater monitoring data, groundwater flow modeling, attendance at board and other meetings as directed by the District, participation on the groundwater planning efforts regarding Groundwater Management Area 12(GMA 12) and other services as directed by the district. It is envisioned that our services would be provided on an as needed basis.

Our firm would be assisted by WSP USA regarding certain parts of the services mainly involving groundwater flow modeling and GIS used for data processing and illustration. The same personnel would be providing the services as have in the past years. The services of WSP USA would be invoiced through our firm with no add on charges.

A budget of \$70,000. is requested for services to be performed in 2019 and the budget will not be exceeded without the approval of the District. The unit rate for my services would be \$120.00 per hour with any expenses charged at cost. The charge for travel would be at the IRS standard rate allowed for vehicular travel. A copy of the unit rates for WSP USA is enclosed.

Our firm carries general liability, automobile liability, professional liability and workers compensation insurance and a copy of our certificates will be provided.

If the above is acceptable please sign on the space provided below and this can become our agreement.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. We look forward to continuing to provide services to the District and getting to work with you and others on your staff.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "W. John Seifert, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

W. John Seifert, Jr. P.E.
Principal
Ground Water Consultants, LLC

Enclosure

Accepted by: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____



Enclosure B

2019 BILLING RATES FOR CONSULTING SERVICES

Director Hydrogeology/Marketing/ Business Development, Regional/ Area Manager, Office Manager	\$250 to \$260/hour
Senior Supervising Engineer/ Environmental Scientist/Hydrogeologist	\$200 to \$260/hour
Supervising Engineer/Environmental Scientist/Hydrogeologist	\$ 180 - \$237/hour
Lead Environmental Engineer/ Environmental Scientist/Hydrogeologist	\$132 to \$191/hour
Project Engineer/Environmental Scientist/ Hydrogeologist	\$109 to \$169/hour
Senior Environmental Engineer/ Environmental Scientist/Project Hydrogeologist	\$100 to \$180/hour
Assistant Project Engineer/ Environmental Scientist/Hydrogeologist	\$ 76 to \$108/hour
Environmental Engineer/Scientist/ Hydrogeologist	\$ 64 to \$ 96/hour
Technician	\$ 73 to \$102/hour
Draftsperson	\$ 80 to \$ 98/hour
Clerical	\$ 75 to \$100/hour