

## AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 5 day of July, 2022, by and between the City of Merced, a California Charter Municipal Corporation, whose address of record is 678 West 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced, California 95340, (hereinafter referred to as "City") and Provost & Pritchard Engineering Group, Inc., a California Corporation, whose address of record is 455 W. Fir Avenue, Clovis, California 93611-0242, (hereinafter referred to as "Consultant").

WHEREAS, City is undertaking a project to do assessment and remediation of PCE impacted sites; and,

WHEREAS, Consultant represents that it possesses the professional skills to provide environmental services in connection with said project.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter recited, hereby agree as follows:

1. **SCOPE OF SERVICES.** The Consultant shall furnish the following services: Consultant shall provide the environmental services described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

No additional services shall be performed by Consultant unless approved in advance in writing by the City, stating the dollar value of the services, the method of payment, and any adjustment in contract time. All such services are to be coordinated with City and the results of the work shall be monitored by the Director of Public Works or designee. However, the means by which the work is accomplished shall be the sole responsibility of the Consultant.

2. **TIME OF PERFORMANCE.** All of the work outlined in the Scope of Services shall be completed in accordance with the Schedule outlined in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. By mutual agreement and written addendum to this Agreement, the City and the Consultant may change the requirements in said Schedule.

3. **DESIGNATED PROJECT MANAGER.** It is understood between the parties to this Agreement, that City has selected Consultant based upon the qualifications, experience, and extensive knowledge of the facts and status of the subject matter of this Agreement by Consultant's employee, DAVID NORMAN.



Consultant agrees to designate its Principal Client Manager, DAVID NORMAN, as its primary project manager for services subject to this Agreement. Any substitution of project manager by Consultant shall not be made without 30 days written notice to City and only with the City's written consent to said substitution.

4. **COMPENSATION.** Payment by the City to the Consultant for actual services rendered under this Agreement shall be made upon presentation of an invoice detailing services performed under the Scope of Services, in accordance with the fee schedule set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The Consultant agrees to provide all services required under the Scope of Services in Exhibit "A" within the compensation amount set forth in Exhibit "A". For Consultant's services rendered under this Agreement, City shall pay Consultant the not to exceed sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$224,800.00).

5. **METHOD OF PAYMENT.** Compensation to Consultant shall be paid by the City after submission by Consultant of an invoice delineating the services performed.

6. **RECORDS.** It is understood and agreed that all plans, studies, specifications, data magnetically or otherwise recorded on computer or computer diskettes, records, files, reports, etc., in possession of the Consultant relating to the matters covered by this Agreement shall be the property of the City, and Consultant hereby agrees to deliver the same to the City upon termination of the Agreement. It is understood and agreed that the documents and other materials including but not limited to those set forth hereinabove, prepared pursuant to this Agreement are prepared specifically for the City and are not necessarily suitable for any future or other use.

7. **CONSULTANT'S BOOKS AND RECORDS.** Consultant shall maintain any and all ledgers, books of account, invoices, vouchers, canceled checks, and other records or documents evidencing or relating to charges for services or expenditures and disbursements charged to the City for a minimum of three (3) years, or for any longer period required by law, from the date of final payment to the Consultant to this Agreement. Any records or documents required to be maintained shall be made available for inspection, audit and/or copying at any time during regular business hours, upon oral or written request of the City.

8. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.** It is expressly understood that Consultant is an independent contractor and that its employees shall not be



employees of or have any contractual relationship with the City. Consultant shall be responsible for the payment of all taxes, workers' compensation insurance and unemployment insurance. Should Consultant desire any insurance protection, the Consultant is to acquire same at its expense.

In the event Consultant or any employee, agent, or subcontractor of Consultant providing services under this Agreement is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction or the California Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) to be eligible for enrollment in PERS as an employee of the City, Consultant shall indemnify, protect, defend, and hold harmless the City for the payment of any employee and/or employer contributions for PERS benefits on behalf of Consultant or its employees, agents, or subcontractors, as well as for the payment of any penalties and interest on such contributions, which would otherwise be the responsibility of City.

9. INDEMNITY. Consultant shall indemnify, protect, defend (with legal counsel selected by the City), save and hold City, its officers, employees, and agents, harmless from any and all claims or causes of action for death or injury to persons, or damage to property resulting from intentional or negligent acts, errors, or omissions of Consultant or Consultant's officers, employees, volunteers, and agents during performance of this Agreement; Consultant shall indemnify, protect, defend (with counsel selected by the City) save and hold City, its officers, employees and agents harmless from any and claims or causes of action for any violation of any federal, state, or municipal law or ordinance, to the extent caused, in whole or in part, by the willful misconduct, negligent acts, or omissions of Consultant or its employees, subcontractors, or agents, or by the quality or character of Consultant's work, or resulting from the negligence of the City, its officers, employees, volunteers and agents, except for loss caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the City or its officers, employees, volunteers or agents. It is understood that the duty of Consultant to indemnify and hold harmless includes the duty to defend as set forth in Section 2778 of the California Civil Code. Acceptance by City of insurance certificates and endorsements required under this Agreement does not relieve Consultant from liability under this indemnification and hold harmless clause. This indemnification and hold harmless clause shall survive the termination of this Agreement and shall apply to any damages or claims for damages whether or not such insurance policies shall have been determined to apply. By execution of this Agreement, Consultant acknowledges and agrees to the provisions of this Section and that it is a material element of consideration.



10. **INSURANCE.** During the term of this Agreement, Consultant shall maintain in full force and effect at its own cost and expense, the following insurance coverage:

a. **Workers' Compensation Insurance.** Full workers' compensation insurance shall be provided with a limit of at least One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for any one person and as required by law, including Employer's Liability limits of \$1,000,000.00 per accident. The policy shall be endorsed to waive the insurer's subrogation rights against the City.

b. **General Liability.**

- (i) Consultant shall obtain and keep in full force and effect general liability coverage at least as broad as ISO commercial general liability coverage occurrence Form CG 0001.
- (ii) Consultant shall maintain limits of no less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage.
- (iii) The City, its officers, employees, volunteers and agents are to be named as additional insureds under the policy, as respects liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the Consultant.
- (iv) The policy shall stipulate that this insurance will operate as primary insurance for work performed by Consultant and its sub-contractors, and that any other insurance or self insurance maintained by City or other named insureds shall be excess and non-contributory.
- (v) Consultant shall maintain its commercial general liability coverage for three (3) years after completion of the work and shall add an additional insured endorsement form acceptable to the City naming the City of Merced, its officers, employees, agents and volunteers for each year thereafter for at least three (3) years after completion of the work. Copies of the annual renewal and additional insured endorsement form shall be sent to the City within thirty (30) days of the annual renewal.



c. Automobile Insurance.

- (i) Consultant shall obtain and keep in full force and effect an automobile policy of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per accident for bodily injury and property damage.
- (ii) The City, its officers, employees, volunteers and agents are to be named as additional insureds under the policy, as respects automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by the Consultant.
- (iii) The policy shall stipulate that this insurance will operate as primary insurance for work performed by Consultant and its sub-contractors, and that any other insurance or self insurance maintained by City or other named insureds shall be excess and non-contributory.

d. Professional Liability Insurance. Consultant shall carry professional liability insurance appropriate to Consultant's profession in the minimum amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000). Architects and engineers' coverage is to be endorsed to include contractual liability.

e. Qualifications of Insurer. The insurance shall be provided by an acceptable insurance provider, as determined by City, which satisfies all of the following minimum requirements:

- (i) An insurance carrier admitted to do business in California and maintaining an agent for service of process within this State; and,
- (ii) An insurance carrier with a current A.M. Best Rating of A:VII or better (except for workers' compensation provided through the California State Compensation Fund).

f. Certificate of Insurance. Consultant shall complete and file with the City prior to engaging in any operation or activity set forth in this Agreement, certificates of insurance evidencing coverage as set forth above and which shall provide that no cancellation or expiration by the insurance company will be made during the term of this Agreement, without thirty (30) days written notice to City prior to the effective date of such cancellation—including cancellation for



nonpayment of premium. In addition to any other remedies City may have, City reserves the right to withhold payment if Consultant's insurance policies are not current.

## 11. PREVAILING WAGES.

A. Labor Code Compliance. If the work performed under this Agreement falls within Labor Code Section 1720(a)(1) definition of a "public works" the Vendor agrees to comply with all of the applicable provisions of the Labor Code including, those provisions requiring the payment of not less than the general prevailing rate of wages. The Consultant further agrees to the penalties and forfeitures provided in said Code in the event a violation of any of the provisions occurs in the execution of this Agreement.

B. These wage rate determinations are made a specific part of this Agreement by reference pursuant to Labor Code Section 1773.2. General Prevailing Wage Rate Determinations may be obtained from the Department of Industrial Relations Internet site at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/>.

C. After award of the Agreement, and prior to commencing work, all applicable General Prevailing Wage Rate Determinations, if applicable, are to be obtained by the Vendor from the Department of Industrial Relations. These wage rate determinations are to be posted by the Consultant at the job site in accordance with Section 1773.2 of the California Labor Code.

D. Consultant agrees to include prevailing wage requirements, if applicable, in all subcontracts when the work to be performed by the subcontractor under this Agreement is a "public works" as defined in Labor Code Section 1720(a)(1) and Labor Code Section 1771.

12. ASSIGNABILITY OF AGREEMENT. It is understood and agreed that this Agreement contemplates personal performance by the Consultant and is based upon a determination of its unique personal competence and experience and upon its specialized personal knowledge. Assignments of any or all rights, duties or obligations of the Consultant under this Agreement will be permitted only with the express written consent of the City.

13. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE OF CITY. The City may terminate this Agreement any time by mailing a notice in writing to Consultant that the Agreement is terminated. Said Agreement shall then be deemed terminated,



and no further work shall be performed by Consultant. If the Agreement is so terminated, the Consultant shall be paid for that percentage of the phase of work actually completed, based on a pro rata portion of the compensation for said phase satisfactorily completed at the time the notice of termination is received.

14. CONFORMANCE TO APPLICABLE LAWS. Consultant shall comply with its standard of care regarding all applicable Federal, State, and municipal laws, rules and ordinances. No discrimination shall be made by Consultant in the employment of persons to work under this contract because of race, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, sex or religion of such person.

Consultant hereby promises and agrees to comply with all of the provisions of the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.A. 1101 *et seq.*), as amended; and in connection therewith, shall not employ unauthorized aliens as defined therein. Should Consultant so employ such unauthorized aliens for the performance of work and/or services covered by this Agreement, and should any agency or instrumentality of the federal or state government, including the courts, impose sanctions against the City for such use of unauthorized aliens, Consultant hereby agrees to, and shall, reimburse City for the cost of all such sanctions imposed, together with any and all costs, including attorneys' fees, incurred by the City in connection therewith.

15. WAIVER. In the event that either City or Consultant shall at any time or times waive any breach of this Agreement by the other, such waiver shall not constitute a waiver of any other or succeeding breach of this Agreement, whether of the same or any other covenant, condition or obligation. Waiver shall not be deemed effective until and unless signed by the waiving party.

16. INCONSISTENT OR CONFLICTING TERMS IN AGREEMENT AND EXHIBITS. In the event of any contradiction or inconsistency between any attached document(s) or exhibit(s) incorporated by reference herein and the provisions of the Agreement itself, the terms of the Agreement shall control.

Any exhibit that is attached and incorporated by reference shall be limited to the purposes for which it is attached, as specified in this Agreement. Any contractual terms or conditions contained in such exhibit imposing additional obligations on the City are not binding upon the City unless specifically agreed to in writing, and initialed by the authorized City representative, as to each additional contractual term or condition.



17. AMBIGUITIES. This Agreement has been negotiated at arms' length between persons knowledgeable in the matters dealt with herein. Accordingly, any rule of law, including, but not limited to, Section 1654 of the Civil Code of California, or any other statutes, legal decisions, or common-law principles of similar effect, that would require interpretation of any ambiguities in this Agreement against the party that drafted this Agreement is of no application and is hereby expressly waived.

18. VENUE. This Agreement and all matters relating to it shall be governed by the laws of the State of California and any action brought relating to this agreement shall be held exclusively in a state court in the County of Merced.

19. AMENDMENT. This Agreement shall not be amended, modified, or otherwise changed unless in writing and signed by both parties hereto.

20. INTEGRATION. This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding and agreement of the parties and supersedes all previous and/or contemporaneous understanding or agreement between the parties with respect to all or any part of the subject matter hereof.

21. AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE. The person or persons executing this Agreement on behalf of the parties hereto warrants and represents that he/she/they has/have the authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of their entity and has/have the authority to bind their party to the performance of its obligations hereunder.

22. COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts with each counterpart being deemed an original. No counterpart shall be deemed to be an original or presumed delivered unless and until the counterparts executed by the other parties hereto are in the physical possession of the party or parties seeking enforcement thereof.

///

///

///

///



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed on the date first above written.

CITY OF MERCED  
A California Charter Municipal  
Corporation

BY: Stephanie Dietz  
City Manager

ATTEST:  
STEPHANIE R. DIETZ, CITY CLERK

BY: [Signature]  
Assistant/Deputy City Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BY: [Signature] 5/9/2022  
City Attorney Date

301985 PO#145218  
ACCOUNT DATA:

BY: [Signature]  
Verified by Finance Officer V-14882  
Funds available contingent upon  
cc approval of budget. MC 5/26/22 PL 5/27/22  
463-1154-637-65-00 123031  
\$224,800.00  
{Signatures continued on next page}



CONSULTANT  
PROVOST & PRITCHARD  
ENGINEERING GROUP, INC.,  
A California Corporation

BY: *David W. Norman*  
(Signature)

David W. Norman  
(Typed Name)

Its: Director of Operations  
(Title)

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Typed Name)

Its: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Title)

Taxpayer I.D. No. 94-2187078

ADDRESS: 455 W. Fir Ave.  
Clovis, CA 93611-0242

TELEPHONE: (559) 326-1100

FAX: (559) 326-1090

EMAIL: [dnorman@ppeng.com](mailto:dnorman@ppeng.com)



May 3, 2022

Mr. Joseph Angulo  
Deputy Director Public Works  
*City of Merced*  
1776 Grogan Road  
Merced, CA 95341

SUBJECT: Fee Estimates For the Annual Work Plan  
Third and Fourth Quarter 2022 and the  
First and Second Quarter 2023  
For PCE Project including 1-Hour R Street Site, Parkway, Sunshine, Bel  
Air, Simpson's, and Merced Laundry Dry Cleaners, City of Merced

Dear Mr. Angulo,

At your request, Provost & Prichard Consulting Group (P&P) is providing you with our fee estimate to provide continuing remedial support including continued operation, maintenance (O&M) at the Parkway site of the SVE system and the recirculation well and continuing remedial support and operation and maintenance (O&M) at the Sunshine site. Costs are based solely on the tasks listed in the City's Annual PCE work plan submitted to the RWQCB. Additional work scopes can be conducted as requested.

The recirculation well installed at the Parkway site was operated as a pilot program since July 2021. Analysis of the monitoring data from the site indicates that the recirculation well has improved the removal of PCE significantly over the previous ten or more years as shown of the attached removal graphs.

Therefore, the proposed work in 2022/2023 at the Parkway site continued operation of the SVE and recirculation well for the period of one additional year will be conducted with monthly monitoring and periodic well field balancing for increase PCE removal. This recommendation is based on a positive effect of the recirculation well at Parkway. Continued enhanced operation of the recirculation well (RCW-1) at Parkway is planned. After six months of data, PCE removal has increased substantially. Additional monitoring and sampling of RCW-1 and surrounding monitoring wells is planned to continue to increase the removal of PCE from groundwater.

The PCE impacts at the Sunshine site is widespread and not all impacted wells are connected the SVE system. Therefore, the proposed work expected in 2022/2023 includes the SVE system connection of the groundwater monitoring well S46-D-3 at Sunshine.

This project Fee Estimate is based on our 2022 Fee Schedule (also attached).

G:\Merced\_City of-1511\City Contract and Proposals\2022-2023\2022-0503 PCE Remediation Proposal.docx

Engineering • Surveying • Planning • Environmental • GIS • Construction Services • Hydrogeology • Consulting  
Clovis • Bakersfield • Visalia • Modesto • Los Banos • Chico • Sacramento • Sonora

**EXHIBIT A**



## LIMITATIONS

P&P offers various levels of investigative, engineering and design services to suit the varying needs of our Clients. Although risk can never be eliminated, more detailed and extensive investigations yield more information, which help understand and manage the level of risk. Since detailed investigation and analysis involves greater expenses, our Clients assist with determining levels of services that will provide adequate information for their purposes at acceptable levels of risk. Acceptance of this proposal indicates the City of Merced has reviewed the scope of work and determined you do not need or want a greater level of services than that being proposed. Any exception should be noted and may result in high fees.

Regulations and professional standards applicable to P&P services are continually evolving. Techniques are, by necessity, often new and relatively untried. Different professionals may reasonably adopt different approaches to similar problems. Therefore, no warranty or guarantee, express or implied, will be included in P&P's scope of services.

## AUTHORIZATION

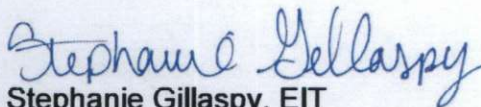
If there is a need for any change in the scope of services described in this fee estimate please call us immediately. Changes may require revision of the proposed fee that will be communicated to you.

All information gathered during this project is considered confidential and will be released only upon written authorization of the City of Merced or as required by law.

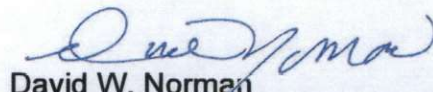
We appreciate the opportunity to submit this fee estimate and look forward to working with you on this project. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Dave or Stephanie in our Clovis Office at (559) 326-1100.

Sincerely,

## Provost and Pritchard Consulting Group



**Stephanie Gillaspie, EIT**  
Senior Environmental Specialist



**David W. Norman**  
Principal Environmental Specialist

DWN:SEG



PROVOST & PRITCHARD - CITY OF MERCED PCE REMEDIATION			
July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023		Contract task items	Phase Cost
Parkway Cleaners			Estimated Cost
		Twelve (12) months of Remedial System O&M (BiWeekly)	\$ 20,400.00
		Annual system evaluation report (January 2023)	\$ 6,500.00
		PG&E (SVE and Ozone trailer, \$1,000/month)	\$ 12,000.00
		H2O Engineering 12 month Maintenance on Ozone Trailer	\$ 7,500.00
		Monthly Air Samples (\$600 per month)	\$ 7,200.00
		Additional Vapor & Groundwater Sampling (As needed)	\$ 5,000.00
		Carbon Change out (two, if needed)	\$ 15,200.00
		SVE & Ozone Trailer Service	\$ 5,000.00
		Additional Recirculation Monitoring and Sampling	\$ 20,000.00
		Project management	\$ 8,500.00
			\$ 107,300.00
Sunshine			
		Twelve (12) months of Remedial System O&M (BiWeekly)	\$ 20,400.00
		Annual system evaluation report (May 2023)	\$ 6,500.00
		PG&E (SVE trailer, \$600/month)	\$ 7,200.00
		Monthly Air Samples (\$600 per month)	\$ 7,200.00
		Additional Vapor & Groundwater Sampling (As needed)	\$ 5,000.00
		Carbon Change out (two if needed)	\$ 15,200.00
		SVE Trailer Service	\$ 5,000.00
		Connect S46-D-3 to SVE System	\$ 40,000.00
		Project management	\$ 8,500.00
			\$ 115,000.00
contingency			
			\$ 2,500.00
			\$ 2,500.00
			\$ 224,800.00
		TOTAL	



# 2022 Standard Fee Schedule

This schedule supersedes previously published fee schedules as of the effective date of January 1, 2022.

*Multi-year contracts are subject to any subsequent changes in these rates.*

Staff Type	Fee Range
<b>Engineering Staff</b>	
Assistant Engineer	\$97.00 – \$125.00
Associate Engineer	\$115.00 – \$147.00
Senior Engineer	\$153.00 – \$184.00
Principal Engineer	\$195.00 – \$235.00
Associate Structural Engineer	\$120.00 – \$146.00
Senior Structural Engineer	\$150.00 – \$170.00
Principal Structural Engineer	\$180.00 – \$230.00
<b>Specialists</b>	
Associate Biologist	\$95.00 – \$115.00
Assistant Environmental Specialist	\$90.00 – \$120.00
Associate Environmental Specialist	\$126.00 – \$155.00
Senior Environmental Specialist	\$155.00 – \$185.00
Principal Environmental Specialist	\$195.00 – \$235.00
Assistant GIS Specialist	\$75.00 – \$93.00
Associate GIS Specialist	\$100.00 – \$127.00
Senior GIS Specialist	\$135.00 – \$170.00
Assistant Geologist/Hydrogeologist	\$95.00 – \$113.00
Associate Geologist/Hydrogeologist	\$120.00 – \$150.00
Senior Geologist/Hydrogeologist	\$150.00 – \$180.00
Principal Geologist/Hydrogeologist	\$195.00 – \$235.00
Associate Water Resources Specialist	\$105.00 – \$130.00
Senior Water Resources Specialist	\$135.00 – \$160.00
Environmental & Roof Specialist	\$120.00 – \$200.00
External Affairs Specialist	\$98.00 – \$128.00
Principal Tunneling Consultant	\$235.00 – \$255.00
<b>Planning Staff</b>	
Assistant Planner/CEQA-NEPA Specialist	\$85.00 – \$105.00
Associate Planner/CEQA-NEPA Specialist	\$110.00 – \$133.00
Senior Planner/CEQA-NEPA Specialist	\$140.00 – \$168.00
Principal Planner/CEQA-NEPA Specialist	\$173.00 – \$196.00
<b>Technical Staff</b>	
Assistant Technician	\$75.00 – \$97.00
Associate Technician	\$102.00 – \$125.00

Staff Type	Fee Range
Senior Technician	\$130.00 – \$150.00
<b>Construction Services Staff</b>	
Associate Construction Manager	\$120.00 – \$140.00
Senior Construction Manager	\$145.00 – \$167.00
Principal Construction Manager	\$180.00 – \$210.00
Construction Inspector <sup>(1)</sup>	\$152.00 – \$177.00
Construction Inspector <sup>(2)</sup>	\$187.00 – \$218.00
<b>Support Staff</b>	
Administrative Assistant	\$70.00 – \$90.00
Project Administrator	\$80.00 – \$105.00
Senior Project Administrator	\$115.00 – \$200.00
Intern	\$65.00 – \$80.00
<b>Surveying Services Staff</b>	
Assistant Surveyor	\$95.00 – \$115.00
Licensed Surveyor	\$145.00 – \$175.00
1-Man Survey Crew	\$175.00/\$200.00 <sup>(1)</sup>
2-Man Survey Crew	\$245.00/\$285.00 <sup>(1)</sup>
2-Man Survey Crew including LS	\$280.00/\$295.00 <sup>(1)</sup>
UAV (Drone) Services	\$210.00

(Field work not including survey equipment billed at individual standard rate plus vehicle as appropriate.)

(1) Prevailing wage rates shown for San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Tulare, Kings, and Kern counties; other counties as quoted.

(2) Overtime for Construction Services prevailing wage will be calculated at 125% of the standard prevailing wage rate.

## Additional Fees

Expert Witness / GIS Training: As quoted.

Travel Time (for greater than one (1) hour from employee's base office):

\$80/hour (unless the individual's rate is less)

## Project Costs

Mileage: IRS value + 15%

Outside Consultants: Cost + 15%

Direct Costs: Cost + 15%