

Questions and Responses

Question 1: Will travel time to and from the inspection firms nearest office to the project site be allowed or are we to assume that Exhibit B- Special Provisions Section 1. M. "Hourly Basis" only allows for billable on site time? It should be noted that our firm is required to pay our inspectors travel time from our office/laboratory to the project site per the prevailing wage requirements for northern California.

Answer 1: Respondents are expected to use Attachment 6, ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS if they propose exceptions or changes to Attachment 5. Submitter must also submit (i) a red-lined version of Attachment 5 that implements all proposed changes, and (ii) a written explanation or rationale for each exception or proposed change. This would be an appropriate format to address the potential inclusion of hourly travel rates.

Question 2: Schedule of Hourly Rates and Value Based Fee Calculation Matrices - Can you elaborate what is expected in the "value based fee calculation matrices?" Section 9.7.2 states..."Provide Value Based Fee Calculation Matrices for plan review and inspection services as described in Section 14.8 below." Section 14.8 does not appear to be included in the RFQ. Is the value based fee calculation matrices required for special inspection services?

Answer 2: Examples of Value Based Fee Calculation Matrices for Plan Review and Inspection Services are shown below. These matrices will be used to calculate fees for facility modification projects up to \$5,000,000 construction value. The fee calculated from the matrix for inspection services will include project inspection services and special inspection/materials testing services. Please disregard the reference to Section 14.8.

EXAMPLE FEE WORKSHEET
Part 1. Fee Schedule for Plan Review:

Estimated Construction Cost	Estimated Plan Review Fee (\$)
Under \$25,000	\$X.XX
25,000 to 50,000	\$X.XX + .X% times the amount over 25,000
50,000 to 100,000	\$X.XX + .X% times the amount over 50,000
100,000 to 200,000	\$X.XX + .X% times the amount over 100,000
200,000 to 500,000	\$X.XX + .X% times the amount over 200,000
500,000 to 750,000	\$X.XX + .X% times the amount over 500,000
750,000 to 1,000,000	\$X.XX + .X% times the amount over 750,000
1,000,000 to 5,000,000	\$X.XX + .X% times the amount over 1,000,000

Part 2. Fee Formula for Field Construction Verification through Field Inspection:

Number of Weeks of Construction (N):
 Distance from a Vendor Office (D): (miles, enter zero if 25 miles or less)
 Working nights / weekends? (Y or N)
 P = (=1 for regular work schedule, 1.5 for nights and weekends)
 = (8+D/15) (Hourly Rate)(N)(P)

Example Format for Value Based Fee Calculation Matrix - Construction Inspection Services to Include Project Inspection Services and Special Inspection / Materials Testing Services

Minimum to Maximum Range of Construction Cost	Not to Exceed Inspection Fee Fixed	Not to Exceed Inspection Fee % of Construction Cost
\$0 - \$50,000	\$X.XX	
\$50,000 - \$100,000		X.X%
\$100,000 - \$500,000		X.X%
\$500,000 - \$5,000,000		X.X%

Using this table a not to exceed budget for the inspection, special inspection and material testing may be formed for each project. Inspection firm has no control over the selection and/or quality of the contractor(s) selected to perform the construction work, nor the schedule of the work, if the not to exceed amount for inspection/services is exceeded any additional services be charged using the billing rate listed in the attached Exhibit A and mileage and travel expenses per the State of California Prevailing per diem rate.

Question 3: Schedule of Hourly Rates and Value Based Fee Calculation Matrices - Should materials testing unit fees (concrete compressive strength tests, fireproofing density tests, etc.) for all material tests that could possibly be needed be included in the "Schedule of Hourly Rates?"

Answer 3: Material testing unit fees should include all possible materials tests.