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LISTED BELOW ARE THE RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS, CHANGES, ADDITIONS, AND/OR  
DELETIONS TO THIS PROPOSAL SOLICITATION.

**Issued by:**

  
Michael Turco, General Manager

9/28/26  
Date

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This Addendum to RFP 2026-001 is issued to answer questions and/or provide changes, additions, or deletions to this solicitation.

**Question #1: Is there an anticipated budget range or maximum award amount for each proposal, and approximately how many proposals does HGSD expect to fund?**

*HGSD does not have a defined budget; however, HGSD has resources available in the Science and Research Fund to support this effort. For example, this project would be funded in the contractual services line item of the Science and Research Fund within the approved budget as shown in <https://hgsubsidence.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/2026-HGSD-Proposed-Budget.pdf>. Costs for 2027 will be similar. There is no maximum award amount per proposal.*

**Question #2: What is the anticipated project start date and period of performance?**

*Successful proposals are anticipated to begin in the first quarter of 2027. The period of performance may vary based on objectives specified within the submitted proposal; however, the envisioned period of performance is 18 to 26 months.*

**Question #3: Are indirect costs allowed? If so, is there a limit on the indirect cost rate?**

*Yes, indirect costs are allowed. Every university may follow a different indirect cost rate and as such each respondent should provide their own indirect cost rate with an explanation.*

**Question #4: Are the following required parts included in the 10-page limit: Project Team and Institutional Resources, Qualifications and Relevant Experience, Project Budget and Schedule, and References?**

*Yes, the Project Team and Institutional Resources, Qualifications and Relevant Experience, Project Budget and Schedule, and References are included within the 10-page limit.*

**Question #5: Does HGSD have an anticipated or preferred budget range and project duration/scale for proposals submitted under this RFP? We understand that the RFP does not specify a maximum award amount, but any clarifications would help us appropriately define the scope and level of effort.**

*Yes, please see the Contractual services line item for the Science and Research Fund in the approved budget for the 2026 Fiscal Year at <https://hgsubsidence.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/2026-HGSD-Proposed-Budget.pdf>. Similar expenses are anticipated for 2027. Examples from previously awarded HGSD research projects with universities from the past three years have variable budgets and term lengths such as \$125,000 for a 12-month project and \$200,000 over 24 months. Although the RFP does not specify a maximum award amount, the scope of proposed objectives should be competitively aligned with the level of effort envisioned by the Respondent and explained within the proposal.*

**Question #6: Does HGSD have a preference for a single integrated project addressing both Topic 1 and Topic 2, or does HGSD anticipate that the two topics may be addressed through separate projects/awards?**

*HGSD does not have a preference to combine topics provided in the RFP. Respondents may select one or both topics. The topics are intended to provide a broad scope of work to allow for innovative approaches. HGSD reserves the right to award multiple respondents or none on this solicitation based on the quality of proposals received.*

**Question #7: Could you share the range of award amounts for HGSD science and research projects in past RFPs, and how many projects HGSD anticipates funding under this year's RFP?**

*Yes, please see the Contractual services line item for the Science and Research Fund in the approved budget for the 2026 Fiscal Year at: <https://hgsubsidence.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/2026-HGSD-Proposed-Budget.pdf>. Similar expenses are anticipated for 2027. Examples from previously awarded HGSD research projects with universities from the past three years have variable budgets and term lengths such as \$125,000 for a 12-month project and \$200,000 over 24 months. HGSD reserves the right to reject any and all proposals as well as select several proposals based on proposals received.*

**Question #8: Can you provide any information on a range of budgets that could be requested for this RFP, and the expected duration.**

*Yes, please see the Contractual services line item for the Science and Research Fund in the approved budget for the 2026 Fiscal Year at: <https://hgsubsidence.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/2026-HGSD-Proposed-Budget.pdf>. Similar expenses are anticipated for 2027. Examples from previously awarded HGSD research projects with universities from the past three years have variable budgets and term lengths such as \$125,000 for a 12-month project and \$200,000 over 24 months. The expected duration is anticipated to be between 18 to 26 months.*

**Question #9: Could you please confirm if indirect costs will be allowed, and what rate we should use?**

*Yes, indirect costs are allowed. Every university may follow a different indirect cost rate and as such each respondent should provide their own indirect cost rate with an explanation.*

**Question #10: Does HGSD allow subaward to University/institutions that are outside of Texas, and if there are any caps for subawards?**

*Yes, HGSD allows subcontractors to be a part of the project team so long as the prime is the university/research institution. HGSD has no restrictions on the location of the university/research institution and therefore can be outside of the State of Texas and even international. At this time, HGSD has no caps on awards; however, HGSD reserves the right to negotiate contract terms and budget.*

**Question #11: Are Respondents allowed to have consulting firms as subcontractors on their team?**

*Yes, HGSD allows consulting firms to be subcontractors as a part of the project team so long as the prime is the university/research institution.*

**Question #12: Is there a maximum funding amount or budget range for the proposal??**

*No, HGSD does not have a maximum funding amount or budget range for this proposal solicitation.*

**Question #13: What is the expected project duration, or is there a maximum number of years for the proposed project?**

*The period of performance may vary based on objectives specified within the submitted proposal; however, the envisioned period of performance is 18 to 26 months.*

**Question #14: How many proposals does the District anticipate funding?**

*HGSD reserves the right to reject any and all proposals as well as select several proposals based on proposals received. HGSD has funding available to support one or more proposals.*