



RFP: #R-26-18
Independent Technical Consulting Services
Review of the Town Line Solar and Battery Storage Project

FEE PROPOSAL

Based upon Sterling Environmental Engineering, P.C.’s experience in the review and independent evaluation of large scale renewable energy projects, we provide the following estimate of labor and expenses. This estimate is made based on the project information provided in the RFP, prior to submission of the application by the Project Sponsor. Upon an initial review of the application documents, we anticipate assisting the County and Towns in applying for LAA funding. The budgeted level of effort for each discipline may be modified to allocate resources for the most meaningful review.

Task	Budget Total
Discipline A: Hydrology & Floodplain Engineering	
Principal Engineer	\$1,200
Senior Engineer	\$4,000
CAD/GIS Scientist	\$8,000
Support Staff	\$1,000
CAD/GIS Software & Expenses	\$900
TOTAL DISCIPLINE A:	\$15,100
Discipline B: Wetlands and Aquatic Ecology	
Principal Engineer	\$600
Senior Engineer	\$1,800
Wetland Scientist	\$5,000
Environmental Analyst	\$3,000
CAD/GIS Scientist	\$1,500
CAD/GIS Software & Expenses	\$900
TOTAL DISCIPLINE B:	\$12,800
Discipline C: Wildlife Biology and Habitat Assessment	
To be subcontracted to qualified expert.	\$8,000
TOTAL DISCIPLINE C:	\$8,000
Discipline D: Forestry and Arborist Services	
To be subcontracted to qualified arborist.	\$6,000
TOTAL DISCIPLINE D:	\$6,000
Discipline E: Civil and Geotechnical Engineering	
Principal Engineer	\$1,200
Senior Engineer	\$5,000
CAD/GIS Engineer	\$8,000
Engineering Technician	\$4,000
CAD/GIS Software & Expenses	\$1,200
TOTAL DISCIPLINE E:	\$19,400

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Discipline F: Visual Impact Analysis / Landscape Architecture	
Principal Engineer	\$600
Senior Engineer	\$2,500
CAD/GIS Engineer	\$3,000
Landscape Architect (TBD) – Budget allocated.	\$4,000
CAD/GIS Software & Expenses	\$900
TOTAL DISCIPLINE F:	\$11,000
Discipline G: Acoustical Engineering / Noise Analysis	
Principal Engineer	\$1,200
Senior Engineer	\$3,600
CAD/GIS Engineer	\$4,000
Engineering Technician	\$3,000
EM/RF Specialist Subcontractor (TBD) – Budget allocated.	\$3,000
CAD/GIS Software & Expenses	\$1,100
TOTAL DISCIPLINE G:	\$15,900
Discipline H: Real Estate Economics and Property Value Analysis	
To be subcontracted to a qualified consultant.	\$10,000
TOTAL DISCIPLINE H:	\$10,000

Summary	Sterling Budgeted Effort	Subcontractor Budget
Discipline A: Hydrology & Floodplain Engineering	\$15,100	
Discipline B: Wetlands and Aquatic Ecology	\$12,800	
Discipline C: Wildlife Biology and Habitat Assessment		\$8,000
Discipline D: Forestry and Arborist Services		\$6,000
Discipline E: Civil and Geotechnical Engineering	\$19,400	
Discipline F: Visual Impact Analysis / Landscape Architecture	\$7,000	\$4,000
Discipline G: Acoustical Engineering / Noise Analysis	\$15,900	
Discipline H: Real Estate Economics and Property Value Analysis		\$10,000
TOTAL:	\$70,200	\$28,000

STERLING's Standard Billing Rates is attached.



Sterling Environmental Engineering, P.C.

**STANDARD BILLING RATES
(Effective January 2026)**

<u>Position</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Chief Engineer / Vice President	\$297
Senior Engineer / President	\$195
Senior Engineer/Geologist	\$180 – \$225
Engineer/Geologist Project Manager	\$115 – \$180
Engineer/Geologist	\$90 – \$115
Environmental Scientist	\$85 – \$105
Environmental/Field Technician	\$65 – \$95
Operations Manager	\$75 – \$100
Clerical Services/Interns	\$50 – \$75

NOTE: Labor rates are subject to periodic adjustment.

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EXPENSES:

Expenses are itemized and invoiced at cost plus 15%.

<u>Third Party Services</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Subcontractors/Subconsultants (Laboratory, Drillers, etc)	@ Cost
<u>Fieldwork</u>	
Equipment Rental & Supplies	@ Cost
Level C PPE (e.g., Respirators)	Per quote
Level D PPE	\$20/Person/Day
Field Truck	\$100/Day
<u>Meetings / Travel</u>	
Expert Testimony	Per quote
Vehicle Mileage	IRS Reimbursement Rate
Travel (air, train, etc.), tolls, parking	@ Cost
Lodging / Meals	@ Cost
Telephone/Conference Line	@ Cost
<u>Production</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Black & White Photocopies	
8-1/2 x 11	\$0.15/page
11 x 17	\$0.25/page
Color Photocopies	
8-1/2 x 11	\$0.75/page
11 x 17	\$1.00/page
Plotter Prints:	
Black & White Engineer Drawings	\$5.00/sheet
Color Engineer Drawings	\$10.00/sheet
CADD/GIS/Other Engineering Software	\$30/hour
Binders	@ Cost
Postage	@ Cost

NOTE: Expense rates are subject to periodic adjustment.