



Mr. Scott Bitterman, P.E.
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Your Reference
C24-3971-PW
Task Order 2

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RE: Supplemental Environmental Services High Ridge Road Improvement Project – Okaloosa County, FL

Dear Mr. Bitterman:

Mott MacDonald is pleased to provide additional services for gopher tortoise survey and relocation for High Ridge Road. Wetland Sciences Inc. (WSI) shall provide these services described in WSI's scope of work. The scope task include gopher tortoise survey, regulatory authorization to physically remove tortoises, physical relocation, and transport. This Scope of Work will be performed in accordance with the existing Contract #C24-3971-PW between Mott MacDonald Florida, LLC and Okaloosa County dated 2/26/2024.

Task 1 – Gopher Tortoise Survey

Perform an updated gopher tortoise burrow survey of the High Ridge Road project site. Stake, flag, and provide GPS coordinates for each burrow. Identify which burrows require excavation and which burrows, if any, can be protected from the work area using exclusionary fencing. The total fee for Task 1 is the lump sum amount of \$1,500.00.

Task 2 - Regulatory Authorization to Physically Remove Tortoises

If gopher tortoise burrows are identified in Task 1, prepare, and submit a conservation permit application with fee to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) to relocate any tortoises. The fee for Task 2 is \$1,500.00 plus the FWC permit application fee of \$234.00 for a total fee for Task 2 the lump sum amount of \$1,734.00.

Task 3 – Physical Relocation

Upon receipt of permit, excavate identified burrows identified within the project site limits for the purpose of tortoises or to prove a burrow is abandoned. The Task 3 per diem rate of \$6,000 is inclusive of all labor and equipment. The estimated duration for Task 3 is 1-2 days. The fee for Task 3 is a lump sum with a limiting amount of \$12,000 (\$6,000/day).



Task 4 – Transport

Transport gopher tortoises recovered from excavated burrows to an FWC authorized recipient site. The recipient site requires an acceptance fee of \$4,500/tortoise. The transport fee and permit close-out for 1-10 tortoises is \$600.00. For estimating purposes, a basis¹ of five (5) tortoises will be used. The limiting amount of Task 4 is:

Task 4 Activity	Fee
Mitigation Bank Fee of \$4,500/Tortoise x 1 to 5 Tortoises	\$4,500 - \$22,500
Transport Fee/Permit Close-out	\$600
Task 4 Activity Range	\$5,100 - \$23,100
Task 4 Limiting Amount	\$23,100

¹ Consultant reserves the right to request an amendment to the task order based on the number or tortoises that exceed the basis and are required for relocation (require payment of additional Mitigation Bank fee of \$4,500/Tortoise).

Fees

Activity	Fee
Task 1	\$1,500.00 Required
Task 2	\$1,734.00 If Required by Task 1
Task 3	\$6,000.00 - \$12,000.00 If Required by Task 1
Task 4	\$5,100.00 - \$23,100.00 If Required by Task 1
Fee Range	\$1,500.00 - 38,334.00

Task Order Limiting Amount \$38,334.00

The scope of work shall not to exceed the fee amount of **\$38,334.00**. We look forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,
Mott MacDonald

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**Recommended for Approval:
Department Director**

Jason Autrey, PE
Public Works Director