

HILL COUNTRY UNDERGROUND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Integrated Hydrogeologic Study to Evaluate Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) to Ellenburger-San Saba Hydraulic Connectivity in Gillespie County, Texas

Introduction

The Hill Country Underground Water Conservation District (District) is a groundwater conservation district created by the Texas Legislature. The District's mandate is to conserve, protect, and enhance all groundwater resources within Gillespie County, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 36 of the Texas Water Code, the District's enabling act, and other applicable laws of the State of Texas.

The District requests statements of interest and qualifications from qualified firms to conduct an integrated hydrogeologic study to evaluate Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) to Ellenburger-San Saba hydraulic connectivity in Gillespie County, Texas funded through grant funds provided by the TWDB.

Scope of Services Required

· Compile and Evaluate Existing Information

Digitize and Standardize Geologic Mapping and Stratigraphic Picks

Compile Well Data from District and State Databases

Obtain and Document Additional Datasets

· Refine and Update Hydrogeologic Interpretations for Gillespie County

Update and Refine Stratigraphic Surfaces

Perform Aquifer Assignment

Making Static Water Level Maps

Collect Water Samples from ESS wells

Hydrogeochemical facies assessment

Recalculate Spring Discharge Contribution to the Pedernales River

· Map Recharge Areas

Mapping of recharge areas, contributions areas, and priority protection areas

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- Final report

Investigation methods, datasets, analyses, and findings shall be documented in a Final Report suitable for District planning needs and for review by TWDB. The report must synthesize results from the geologic/structural framework, potentiometric mapping, hydrogeochemical evaluation, and spring discharge analyses to support conclusions regarding potential ETP-ESS connectivity and associated management implications. The Final Report (PDF) and supporting digital appendices shall be provided to District and TWDB.

Submissions should include the following qualifications:

- Overview of Firm
- Experience in groundwater resource studies
- Experience conducting studies concerning Llano Uplift and Edwards-Trinity aquifers
- Experience in working with Groundwater Districts
- Experience with TWDB grant funded projects
- Experience with municipal water supply development and planning
- Personal Background Information
- Any Recent Publications Regarding Groundwater
- Conflicts of Interest
- Anti-boycott Israel certification

Submittal and Selection

Final selection of a firm will be made by the Board of Directors of the District.

Please direct any inquiries regarding this solicitation to Paul Babb, General Manager of the District, by telephone at (830) 997-4472, or by email at pbabb@hcuwcd.org.

Interested parties are asked to submit their RFQ responses to the District by 3:00 p.m. on 25th day of August, 2026. Submittal of RFQ responses may be emailed, hand delivered, or mailed via US Postal Service to the following address:

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It is expected that the District will make a selection and begin engagement by September 1, 2026.