

**Legislative Appropriations Request
For Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025**

**Submitted to the
Office of the Governor, Budget Division
and the Legislative Budget Board**

by

Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists

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2024-2025 LAR SNAPSHOT

The Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists (TBPG) respectfully submits this 2024-2025 biennial Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR) in the amount of \$1,283,162. As a snapshot, this request includes:

- TBPG's reconciled base of \$1,211,152.
- TBPG is requesting **two (2) exceptional items totaling \$72,010:**
 - Request 1:** is for additional funding to competitively post two existing vacant FTE positions **\$66,000.**
 - Request 2:** is the agency's share of the Health Professions Council's (HPC) exceptional item request for an FTE to manage the Regulatory Database Upgrade project **\$6,010**
- TBPG's total LAR (\$1,211,152 base + \$72,010 exceptional item) = **\$1,283,162 Total Request**

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The mission of the TBPG is to protect public health and safety, as well as the state's natural resources by ensuring only qualified persons carry out the public practice of geoscience and by enforcing the Code of Professional Conduct the board has established for its licensees. Regulation of the public practice of geoscience is very important because the competent, ethical and accountable public practice of geoscience protects people, protects natural resources, and prevents fraud, waste and abuse of services and the public/private funds that are invested in these projects. TBPG's vision is to be a leader in state government by being innovative and efficient in our licensing responsibilities and daily operations.

TBPG is dedicated 7.5 full time equivalent positions (FTE's) to fulfill the core business functions of Administration, Operations, Licensing, Compliance, and Finance. After the 87th legislative session, and as a result of the pandemic, the agency struggled to fill posted vacancies so the focus shifted to employee retention, simplifying business processes, and evaluating existing policies to identify efficiency and improvement areas in our operations. To ensure employee retention and management of the existing workload, staff were cross trained, key responsibilities were merged, and salaries were adjusted to recognize the additional duties absorbed by staff. Existing processes were also improved by removing unnecessary bottlenecks to ensure a more fluid workflow from license application to license issuance and from complaint received to complaint resolution. Our next priority was to fill three key vacancies - the Administrative Program Specialist, the Compliance Coordinator, and the Investigator position. After multiple postings, TBPG successfully filled the Administrative position in October 2021 and the Investigator position in July 2022. As of August 2022, the agency has 5 team members and 2.5 vacancies.

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THE BOARD

The Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists is our governing board and policy making body. Our board has 9 members (6 industry and 3 public members) appointed to staggered terms by the Governor with the consent of the Texas Senate. The current board is composed of the following:

BOARD MEMBER	HOMETOWN	TERM
Becky Johnson, P.G., Chair	Fort Worth	2018-2023
W. David Prescott II, P.G., Vice-Chair	Amarillo	2019-2025
Mark N. Varhaug, P.G., CPG, Secretary	Dallas	2018-2023
Dr. Bereket M. Derie, PhD, P.G.	Georgetown	2016-2027
Margon Dillard (Public)	Richmond	2020-2025
Steve Fleming, P.G.	Shavano Park	2016-2027
Edward F. Janak, Jr., P.G.	Fredericksburg	2019-2025
Brandon Blake Stowers (Public)	Denton	2018-2023
LaFawn Thompson (Public)	New Braunfels	2021-2027

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EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS (Purpose of the additional \$66,000 requested):

Request 1: Additional Salary Dollars in FY24: \$66,000

\$36,000: \$18,000/year to supplement existing funding to post vacant Administrative Assistant position at a more competitive Program Specialist rate of \$45,000/yr. As we continue to see post pandemic business improvement, and as we move to on-line examinations in 2023, our administrative work will continue to multiply. The additional funding requested will allow us to be more competitive in our hiring process.

\$30,000: \$15,000/year to fund a part-time existing FTE. This position became unfunded last biennium when the agency reallocated those funds for key positions/vacancies. The agency is requesting funding so this position can be filled. This position will allow a part-time worker, preferably student/intern, to assist our office with licensing and administrative needs.

Request 2: HPC FTE \$3,005 per year

The final exceptional item request is for funding for HPC's exceptional item request that it is making on its LAR. HPC is requesting an exceptional item in its LAR for an FTE position to maintain the Regulatory Database project. The HPC member agencies need additional funding if HPC is granted its exceptional item request. For the Board, the increase would be \$3,005 in fiscal year 2024 and \$3,005 in fiscal year 2025.

SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTIST LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

Geoscience is essential to all surface and subsurface related projects and highly technical in nature. Geologists are trained to consider the entire physical environment, the materials that compose it (rocks, soils, and water) and the dynamic physical and geochemical processes that drive it. Texas is one of 32 states that regulates the practice of Professional Geoscientists (P.G.s). To become a licensed Professional Geoscientist in Texas, a person must meet established academic requirements, have a minimum of 5 years of qualifying work experience, receive a passing score on the required examination(s) covering the fundamentals and practice of the appropriate discipline of geoscience (geology, geophysics, or soil studies), and provide supporting documentation relating to license reporting requirements including criminal convictions. Society, through the state, has placed a great deal of trust and responsibility on licensed Professional Geoscientists. Through professional licensure and the authorization to take disciplinary action, the state has also established accountability for Professional Geoscientists.

Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 1002, also known as the Texas Geoscience Practice Act (or Act), was adopted in 2001 and authorized that only a person licensed as a Professional Geoscientist (P.G.) is authorized to submit geoscientific work to a state or local government entity of Texas or authorized to offer or perform non-exempt geoscience services for the public. Examples of the public practice areas covered include the following:

- Geologic mapping
- Groundwater resource and development protection
- Mineral-resource evaluation
- Water or mineral drilling

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- Accurate and reliable geoscience reporting to government agencies for public use
- Environmental geology issues
- Land surface stability
- Solid waste siting
- Toxic, nuclear, and hazardous waste disposal siting
- Contaminated soil investigations and remediation
- Groundwater investigations
- Mined-land reclamation
- Acid mine drainage suppression and remediation
- Dam and impoundment construction
- Highway, roadway, and bridge construction

The accountability of Professional Geoscientists and registered Geoscience Firms is a part of the State of Texas' efforts to protect the public and combat fraud, waste and abuse of public funds. For example, state agencies such as the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Railroad Commission, Water Development Board, Department of Transportation, river authorities and groundwater and soil conservation districts use and review the geoscience services provided by licensed Professional Geoscientists in their regulatory activities, development and maintenance of water resources, and activities involving the construction and maintenance of roads and other infrastructure. These agencies rely on TBPG's licensing and compliance authority if there are concerns with the technical competency related to individuals and firms providing professional geoscience services or if there are ethical concerns in the solicitation or delivery of those services.

Professional Geoscientists (PGs) also serve the public directly. Individuals and businesses need PGs when issues or needs arise involving ground stability for building, certain well water issues, and environmental clean-up due to chemical or petroleum spills or leaks, just to name a few. Public and private entities/individuals may also file a formal complaint with TBPG if there are concerns with technical competency or ethics related to individuals and firms providing professional geoscience services.



Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists

(March 2022; 7.5)

Governor

9 Member
Appointed Board

Executive
Director
(1 fte)

Business Functions:

Licensing

Compliance/
Enforcement

Operations

Financial

Staff:

LICENSING
COORDINATOR
(1 fte)

COMPLIANCE
COORDINATOR
(1 fte)

OPERATIONS
COORDINATOR
(1 fte)

FINANCIAL
OFFICER
(1 fte)

Program
Administrative
Support
(2.5 ftes)

Budget Overview - Biennial Amounts
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Appropriation Years: 2024-25

	GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS		GR DEDICATED		FEDERAL FUNDS		OTHER FUNDS		ALL FUNDS		EXCEPTIONAL ITEM FUNDS
	2022-23	2024-25	2022-23	2024-25	2022-23	2024-25	2022-23	2024-25	2022-23	2024-25	2024-25
	Goal: 1. Assure Geoscience Is Practiced Only by Qualified/Registered Licensees										
1.1.1. Application Review	275,032	266,863							275,032	266,863	
1.1.2. Texas.Gov	50,000	50,000							50,000	50,000	
1.1.3. Informational Services	479,255	487,422							479,255	487,422	36,010
Total, Goal	804,287	804,285							804,287	804,285	36,010
Goal: 2. Ensure Effective Enforcement of TX Geoscience Practice Act											
2.1.1. Enforcement	338,093	299,841							338,093	299,841	36,000
Total, Goal	338,093	299,841							338,093	299,841	36,000
Goal: 3. Indirect Administration											
3.1.1. Indirect Admin	93,633	93,634							93,633	93,634	
3.1.2. Indirect Admin	13,391	13,392							13,391	13,392	
Total, Goal	107,024	107,026							107,024	107,026	
Total, Agency	1,249,404	1,211,152							1,249,404	1,211,152	72,010
Total FTEs									7.5	7.5	0.0

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Goal / Objective / STRATEGY	Exp 2021	Est 2022	Bud 2023	Req 2024	Req 2025
1 Assure Geoscience is Practiced Only by Qualified/Registered Licensees					
1 Ensure Timely Licensure/Registration of Practicing Geoscientists/Firms					
1 APPLICATION REVIEW	118,156	138,569	136,463	133,431	133,432
2 TEXAS.GOV	17,715	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
3 INFORMATIONAL SERVICES	184,300	237,204	242,051	243,461	243,961
TOTAL, GOAL 1	\$320,171	\$400,773	\$403,514	\$401,892	\$402,393
2 Ensure Effective Enforcement of TX Geoscience Practice Act					
1 Ensure Due Process for all Complaints within 180 Days					
1 ENFORCEMENT	159,970	187,910	150,183	149,920	149,921
TOTAL, GOAL 2	\$159,970	\$187,910	\$150,183	\$149,920	\$149,921
3 Indirect Administration					
1 Indirect Administration					
1 INDIRECT ADMIN	8,846	55,370	38,263	46,817	46,817

2.A. Summary of Base Request by Strategy

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Goal / Objective / STRATEGY	Exp 2021	Est 2022	Bud 2023	Req 2024	Req 2025
2 INDIRECT ADMIN	1,256	6,696	6,695	6,696	6,696
TOTAL, GOAL 3	\$10,102	\$62,066	\$44,958	\$53,513	\$53,513
TOTAL, AGENCY STRATEGY REQUEST	\$490,243	\$650,749	\$598,655	\$605,325	\$605,827
TOTAL, AGENCY RIDER APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST*				\$0	\$0
GRAND TOTAL, AGENCY REQUEST	\$490,243	\$650,749	\$598,655	\$605,325	\$605,827
METHOD OF FINANCING:					
General Revenue Funds:					
1 General Revenue Fund	490,243	650,749	598,655	605,325	605,827
SUBTOTAL	\$490,243	\$650,749	\$598,655	\$605,325	\$605,827
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	\$490,243	\$650,749	\$598,655	\$605,325	\$605,827

*Rider appropriations for the historical years are included in the strategy amounts.

2.B. Summary of Base Request by Method of Finance
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METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2021	Est 2022	Bud 2023	Req 2024	Req 2025
<u>GENERAL REVENUE</u>					
<u>1</u> General Revenue Fund					
<i>REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS</i>					
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2020-21 GAA)	\$595,637	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2022-23 GAA)	\$0	\$650,749	\$598,655	\$0	\$0
Regular Appropriations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$605,325	\$605,827
<i>LAPSED APPROPRIATIONS</i>					
HB 2, 87th Leg, Regular Session	\$(9,417)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Comments: Mandatory Reduction - Travel					
Article VIII, Spec Provisions, Sec. 4, Texas.gov Appropriation (2020-21 GAA)	\$(6,551)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

2.B. Summary of Base Request by Method of Finance
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METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2021	Est 2022	Bud 2023	Req 2024	Req 2025
<u>GENERAL REVENUE</u>					
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2020-21 GAA)	\$(89,426)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL, General Revenue Fund	\$490,243	\$650,749	\$598,655	\$605,325	\$605,827
TOTAL, ALL GENERAL REVENUE	\$490,243	\$650,749	\$598,655	\$605,325	\$605,827
GRAND TOTAL	\$490,243	\$650,749	\$598,655	\$605,325	\$605,827

2.B. Summary of Base Request by Method of Finance
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METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2021	Est 2022	Bud 2023	Req 2024	Req 2025
FULL-TIME-EQUIVALENT POSITIONS					
REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS					
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2020-21 GAA)	7.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2022-23 GAA)	0.0	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5
UNAUTHORIZED NUMBER OVER (BELOW) CAP					
2020-21 GAA	(2.7)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Comments: Temporary Vacancies					
2022-23 GAA	0.0	(0.5)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Comments: Unfunded position					
2022-23 GAA	0.0	(2.0)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Comments: Temporary Vacancies					
TOTAL, ADJUSTED FTES	4.8	5.0	7.5	7.5	7.5

**NUMBER OF 100% FEDERALLY FUNDED
 FTEs**

2.C. Summary of Base Request by Object of Expense
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OBJECT OF EXPENSE	Exp 2021	Est 2022	Bud 2023	BL 2024	BL 2025
1001 SALARIES AND WAGES	\$360,835	\$348,867	\$395,562	\$395,562	\$395,562
1002 OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$16,749	\$17,329	\$18,201	\$18,761	\$19,321
2001 PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$7,358	\$8,327	\$6,680	\$8,680	\$6,680
2003 CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$1,706	\$2,780	\$3,160	\$3,360	\$3,460
2004 UTILITIES	\$2,053	\$422	\$450	\$500	\$550
2005 TRAVEL	\$347	\$12,504	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
2006 RENT - BUILDING	\$1,568	\$0	\$1,750	\$2,000	\$2,000
2007 RENT - MACHINE AND OTHER	\$3,193	\$3,738	\$4,025	\$4,050	\$4,075
2009 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$96,434	\$256,782	\$153,827	\$157,412	\$159,179
OOE Total (Excluding Riders)	\$490,243	\$650,749	\$598,655	\$605,325	\$605,827
OOE Total (Riders)					
Grand Total	\$490,243	\$650,749	\$598,655	\$605,325	\$605,827

2.D. Summary of Base Request Objective Outcomes
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Goal/ Objective / Outcome	Exp 2021	Est 2022	Bud 2023	BL 2024	BL 2025
1 Assure Geoscience is Practiced Only by Qualified/Registered Licensees					
<i>1 Ensure Timely Licensure/Registration of Practicing Geoscientists/Firms</i>					
KEY 1 Percent of Licensees with No Recent Violations					
	99.80%	99.00%	99.00%	95.00%	95.00%
KEY 2 Percent of Licensees Who Renew Online					
	91.68%	87.00%	87.00%	87.00%	87.00%
3 Percent of Firms That Renew Online					
	88.00%	88.00%	80.00%	80.00%	80.00%
2 Ensure Effective Enforcement of TX Geoscience Practice Act					
<i>1 Ensure Due Process for all Complaints within 180 Days</i>					
KEY 1 Percent of Complaints Resulting in Disciplinary Action					
	12.50%	20.00%	25.00%	25.00%	25.00%
2 Recidivism Rate for Those Receiving Disciplinary Action					
	7.10%	1.00%	0.00%	5.00%	7.00%
KEY 3 Percent of Documented Complaints Resolved within Six Months					
	100.00%	100.00%	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%

2.E. Summary of Exceptional Items Request
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Agency name: Board of Professional Geoscientists

Priority	Item	2024			2025			Biennium	
		GR and GR/GR Dedicated	All Funds	FTEs	GR and GR Dedicated	All Funds	FTEs	GR and GR Dedicated	All Funds
1	Salary Supplement	\$33,000	\$33,000	0.0	\$33,000	\$33,000	0.0	\$66,000	\$66,000
2	HPC FTE	\$3,005	\$3,005		\$3,005	\$3,005		\$6,010	\$6,010
Total, Exceptional Items Request		\$36,005	\$36,005	0.0	\$36,005	\$36,005	0.0	\$72,010	\$72,010

Method of Financing

General Revenue	\$36,005	\$36,005		\$36,005	\$36,005		\$72,010	\$72,010
General Revenue - Dedicated								
Federal Funds								
Other Funds								
	\$36,005	\$36,005		\$36,005	\$36,005		\$72,010	\$72,010

Full Time Equivalent Positions

0.0

0.0

Number of 100% Federally Funded FTEs

2.F. Summary of Total Request by Strategy
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Goal/Objective/STRATEGY	Base 2024	Base 2025	Exceptional 2024	Exceptional 2025	Total Request 2024	Total Request 2025
1 Assure Geoscience is Practiced Only by Qualified/Registered License						
1 Ensure Timely Licensure/Registration of Practicing Geoscientists/Fi						
1 APPLICATION REVIEW	\$133,431	\$133,432	\$0	\$0	\$133,431	\$133,432
2 TEXAS.GOV	25,000	25,000	0	0	25,000	25,000
3 INFORMATIONAL SERVICES	243,461	243,961	18,005	18,005	261,466	261,966
TOTAL, GOAL 1	\$401,892	\$402,393	\$18,005	\$18,005	\$419,897	\$420,398
2 Ensure Effective Enforcement of TX Geoscience Practice Act						
1 Ensure Due Process for all Complaints within 180 Days						
1 ENFORCEMENT	149,920	149,921	18,000	18,000	167,920	167,921
TOTAL, GOAL 2	\$149,920	\$149,921	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$167,920	\$167,921

2.F. Summary of Total Request by Strategy
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Goal/Objective/STRATEGY	Base 2024	Base 2025	Exceptional 2024	Exceptional 2025	Total Request 2024	Total Request 2025
3 Indirect Administration						
<i>1 Indirect Administration</i>						
1 INDIRECT ADMIN	\$46,817	\$46,817	\$0	\$0	\$46,817	\$46,817
2 INDIRECT ADMIN	6,696	6,696	0	0	6,696	6,696
TOTAL, GOAL 3	\$53,513	\$53,513	\$0	\$0	\$53,513	\$53,513
TOTAL, AGENCY STRATEGY REQUEST	\$605,325	\$605,827	\$36,005	\$36,005	\$641,330	\$641,832
TOTAL, AGENCY RIDER APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST						
GRAND TOTAL, AGENCY REQUEST	\$605,325	\$605,827	\$36,005	\$36,005	\$641,330	\$641,832

2.F. Summary of Total Request by Strategy
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<u>Goal/Objective/STRATEGY</u>		Base 2024	Base 2025	Exceptional 2024	Exceptional 2025	Total Request 2024	Total Request 2025
General Revenue Funds:							
1 General Revenue Fund		\$605,325	\$605,827	\$36,005	\$36,005	\$641,330	\$641,832
		\$605,325	\$605,827	\$36,005	\$36,005	\$641,330	\$641,832
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING		\$605,325	\$605,827	\$36,005	\$36,005	\$641,330	\$641,832
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS		7.5	7.5	0.0	0.0	7.5	7.5

2.G. Summary of Total Request Objective Outcomes
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Goal/ Objective / Outcome

	BL 2024	BL 2025	Excp 2024	Excp 2025	Total Request 2024	Total Request 2025
1	Assure Geoscience is Practiced Only by Qualified/Registered Licensees					
1	Ensure Timely Licensure/Registration of Practicing Geoscientists/Firms					
KEY	1 Percent of Licensees with No Recent Violations					
	95.00%	95.00%			95.00%	95.00%
KEY	2 Percent of Licensees Who Renew Online					
	87.00%	87.00%			87.00%	87.00%
	3 Percent of Firms That Renew Online					
	80.00%	80.00%			80.00%	80.00%
2	Ensure Effective Enforcement of TX Geoscience Practice Act					
1	Ensure Due Process for all Complaints within 180 Days					
KEY	1 Percent of Complaints Resulting in Disciplinary Action					
	25.00%	25.00%			25.00%	25.00%
	2 Recidivism Rate for Those Receiving Disciplinary Action					
	5.00%	7.00%			5.00%	7.00%
KEY	3 Percent of Documented Complaints Resolved within Six Months					
	90.00%	90.00%			90.00%	90.00%

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GOAL: 1 Assure Geoscience is Practiced Only by Qualified/Registered Licensees
 OBJECTIVE: 1 Ensure Timely Licensure/Registration of Practicing Geoscientists/Firms
 STRATEGY: 1 Evaluate Applications and Ensure Proper Examination

Service Categories:
 Service: 16 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2021	Est 2022	Bud 2023	BL 2024	BL 2025
Output Measures:						
KEY 1	Number of New Licenses Issued to Individuals	159.00	87.00	70.00	85.00	90.00
2	Number of New Firms Registered	14.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
3	Number of Licenses Renewed (Individuals)	3,266.00	3,102.00	3,900.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Efficiency Measures:						
KEY 1	Percentage of New Individual Licenses Issued within 10 Days	98.11 %	98.00 %	100.00 %	100.00 %	100.00 %
KEY 2	Percentage of Individual License Renewals Issued within 7 Days	95.77 %	95.00 %	100.00 %	100.00 %	100.00 %
3	Average Time for Individual License Renewal (Days)	2.15	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
4	Average Time for Individual License Issuance	2.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Explanatory/Input Measures:						
KEY 1	Total Number of Individuals Licensed	3,338.00	3,338.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
2	Total Number of Licenses Managed	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,622.00	4,622.00
Objects of Expense:						
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$80,716	\$79,025	\$76,514	\$76,514	\$76,514
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$4,097	\$4,178	\$4,773	\$4,773	\$5,013
2001	PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$5,440	\$4,152	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500

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GOAL: 1 Assure Geoscience is Practiced Only by Qualified/Registered Licensees
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 STRATEGY: 1 Evaluate Applications and Ensure Proper Examination

Service Categories:
 Service: 16 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2021	Est 2022	Bud 2023	BL 2024	BL 2025
2003	CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$450	\$1,662	\$2,000	\$2,200	\$2,300
2004	UTILITIES	\$1,255	\$422	\$450	\$500	\$550
2005	TRAVEL	\$347	\$12,504	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
2007	RENT - MACHINE AND OTHER	\$460	\$473	\$475	\$500	\$525
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$25,391	\$36,153	\$32,751	\$29,444	\$29,030
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$118,156	\$138,569	\$136,463	\$133,431	\$133,432

Method of Financing:

1	General Revenue Fund	\$118,156	\$138,569	\$136,463	\$133,431	\$133,432
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)		\$118,156	\$138,569	\$136,463	\$133,431	\$133,432

TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS) **\$133,431** **\$133,432**

TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS) **\$118,156** **\$138,569** **\$136,463** **\$133,431** **\$133,432**

FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS: **1.0** **1.0** **1.0** **1.0** **1.0**

STRATEGY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

This strategy emphasizes our commitment to better serve citizens and the regulated industry through timely and accurate issuance of licenses. Through this strategy, we will effectively regulate the industry by examining applicants, evaluating applications and licensing qualified individuals.

481 Board of Professional Geoscientists

GOAL: 1 Assure Geoscience is Practiced Only by Qualified/Registered Licensees
 OBJECTIVE: 1 Ensure Timely Licensure/Registration of Practicing Geoscientists/Firms Service Categories:
 STRATEGY: 1 Evaluate Applications and Ensure Proper Examination Service: 16 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2021	Est 2022	Bud 2023	BL 2024	BL 2025
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EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING STRATEGY:

There are no external or internal factors/barriers that prevent the agency from evaluating applications for licensure, firm registration, and certification as a Geoscientist-in-Training and ensuring the scheduling of proper examination in a timely manner.

EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE (includes Rider amounts):

<u>STRATEGY BIENNIAL TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</u>		<u>BIENNIAL CHANGE</u>	<u>EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE</u>	
<u>Base Spending (Est 2022 + Bud 2023)</u>	<u>Baseline Request (BL 2024 + BL 2025)</u>		<u>\$ Amount</u>	<u>Explanation(s) of Amount (must specify MOFs and FTEs)</u>
\$275,032	\$266,863	\$(8,169)	\$(8,169)	Corrected allocation of costs to appropriate strategies
			<u>\$(8,169)</u>	Total of Explanation of Biennial Change

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GOAL: 1 Assure Geoscience is Practiced Only by Qualified/Registered Licensees
 OBJECTIVE: 1 Ensure Timely Licensure/Registration of Practicing Geoscientists/Firms
 STRATEGY: 2 Texas.gov. Estimated and Nontransferable

Service Categories:

Service: 16 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2021	Est 2022	Bud 2023	BL 2024	BL 2025
Objects of Expense:						
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$17,715	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$17,715	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Method of Financing:						
1	General Revenue Fund	\$17,715	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)		\$17,715	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS)					\$25,000	\$25,000
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS)		\$17,715	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000

FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:

STRATEGY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

This strategy is a pass-through appropriation where fees collected for on-line renewals and registrations are paid to the service provider. No funds are retained by the agency.

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING STRATEGY:

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 OBJECTIVE: 1 Ensure Timely Licensure/Registration of Practicing Geoscientists/Firms
 STRATEGY: 2 Texas.gov. Estimated and Nontransferable

Service Categories:
 Service: 16 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2021	Est 2022	Bud 2023	BL 2024	BL 2025
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EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE (includes Rider amounts):

<u>STRATEGY BIENNIAL TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</u>		<u>BIENNIAL CHANGE</u>	<u>EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE</u>	
<u>Base Spending (Est 2022 + Bud 2023)</u>	<u>Baseline Request (BL 2024 + BL 2025)</u>		<u>\$ Amount</u>	<u>Explanation(s) of Amount (must specify MOFs and FTEs)</u>
\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	Total of Explanation of Biennial Change

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GOAL: 1 Assure Geoscience is Practiced Only by Qualified/Registered Licensees
 OBJECTIVE: 1 Ensure Timely Licensure/Registration of Practicing Geoscientists/Firms
 STRATEGY: 3 Maintain Current Registry and Provide Timely Information

Service Categories:

Service: 16 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2021	Est 2022	Bud 2023	BL 2024	BL 2025
Output Measures:						
1	Number of Info. Packets Distributed to Individuals & Establishments	19,345.00	19,261.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00
Explanatory/Input Measures:						
1	Number of Information Requests Received	2,664.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
Objects of Expense:						
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$146,777	\$185,790	\$192,626	\$192,626	\$192,626
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$5,176	\$9,095	\$9,174	\$9,734	\$9,934
2001	PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$1,498	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
2003	CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$1,050	\$958	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
2006	RENT - BUILDING	\$1,568	\$0	\$1,750	\$2,000	\$2,000
2007	RENT - MACHINE AND OTHER	\$23	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$50
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$28,208	\$39,861	\$35,951	\$36,551	\$36,851
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$184,300	\$237,204	\$242,051	\$243,461	\$243,961
Method of Financing:						
1	General Revenue Fund	\$184,300	\$237,204	\$242,051	\$243,461	\$243,961
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)		\$184,300	\$237,204	\$242,051	\$243,461	\$243,961

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 STRATEGY: 3 Maintain Current Registry and Provide Timely Information

Service Categories:

Service: 16 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2021	Est 2022	Bud 2023	BL 2024	BL 2025
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS)					\$243,461	\$243,961
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS)		\$184,300	\$237,204	\$242,051	\$243,461	\$243,961
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:		2.8	3.0	4.2	4.2	4.2

STRATEGY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

The Agency's enabling statute requires that the Board maintain a roster stating the name, discipline of geoscience, and place of business of each licensed geoscientist and provide copies upon request. The Agency is also required to maintain a list of other jurisdictions in which comparable requirements and qualifications for licensure exist and with which a reciprocity agreement exists. The Agency will use outreach programs to educate licensees and the public as the programs become available. A newsletter is published approximately twice a year and interim changes to policies and rules are posted on the Board's website.

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING STRATEGY:

Internal Factors: The agency maintains a registry of its licensees and registered firms that is updated weekly. The Board does maintain relevant information regarding the requirements of licensure, firm registration and certifications as a Geoscientist-in- Training on its website.

External factors: A very small percentage of licensees may not have access to the internet. The agency responds to phone requests for information and sends relevant information to those who request it in a timely manner.

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 OBJECTIVE: 1 Ensure Timely Licensure/Registration of Practicing Geoscientists/Firms
 STRATEGY: 3 Maintain Current Registry and Provide Timely Information

Service Categories:
 Service: 16 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2021	Est 2022	Bud 2023	BL 2024	BL 2025
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EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE (includes Rider amounts):

<u>STRATEGY BIENNIAL TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</u>		<u>BIENNIAL</u>	<u>EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE</u>	
<u>Base Spending (Est 2022 + Bud 2023)</u>	<u>Baseline Request (BL 2024 + BL 2025)</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>	<u>Explanation(s) of Amount (must specify MOFs and FTEs)</u>
\$479,255	\$487,422	\$8,167	\$8,167	Corrected allocation of costs to appropriate strategies
			\$8,167	Total of Explanation of Biennial Change

481 Board of Professional Geoscientists

GOAL: 2 Ensure Effective Enforcement of TX Geoscience Practice Act
 OBJECTIVE: 1 Ensure Due Process for all Complaints within 180 Days
 STRATEGY: 1 Investigate & Reach Final Resolution of Reported Violations

Service Categories:
 Service: 16 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2021	Est 2022	Bud 2023	BL 2024	BL 2025
Output Measures:						
KEY 1	Complaints Resolved	8.00	10.00	40.00	40.00	45.00
KEY 2	Number of Compliance Orders Issued	507.00	408.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
KEY 3	Number of Disciplinary Actions Taken	1.00	2.00	13.00	10.00	10.00
Efficiency Measures:						
KEY 1	Average Time for Complaint Resolution (Days)	40.75	180.00	180.00	180.00	180.00
Explanatory/Input Measures:						
KEY 1	Jurisdictional Complaints Received	10.00	10.00	45.00	45.00	50.00
Objects of Expense:						
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$133,342	\$84,052	\$126,422	\$126,422	\$126,422
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$7,476	\$4,056	\$4,254	\$4,254	\$4,374
2001	PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
2003	CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$206	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2007	RENT - MACHINE AND OTHER	\$23	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$18,923	\$97,802	\$19,507	\$17,244	\$19,125
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$159,970	\$187,910	\$150,183	\$149,920	\$149,921

Method of Financing:

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GOAL: 2 Ensure Effective Enforcement of TX Geoscience Practice Act
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 STRATEGY: 1 Investigate & Reach Final Resolution of Reported Violations

Service Categories:

Service: 16 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2021	Est 2022	Bud 2023	BL 2024	BL 2025
1	General Revenue Fund	\$159,970	\$187,910	\$150,183	\$149,920	\$149,921
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)		\$159,970	\$187,910	\$150,183	\$149,920	\$149,921
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS)					\$149,920	\$149,921
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS)		\$159,970	\$187,910	\$150,183	\$149,920	\$149,921
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:		1.0	1.0	2.3	2.3	2.3

STRATEGY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

The Enforcement Division provides the public with swift, fair, effective enforcement and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Texas. Complaints filed by consumers, industry, and other governmental agencies are investigated and resolved by various methods including agreed settlements and administrative hearings. When negotiating settlements, consumer remedies are encouraged. The value of enforcement extends far beyond the disciplinary measures taken against individuals who violate the law. Enforcement also serves the very important function of educating the regulated industry and the public as to the provisions of the Agency's statute and rules. Successful enforcement requires streamlined procedures and ongoing cooperation with consumers, trade associations, local, state, and federal agencies, and the regulated industry.

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING STRATEGY:

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 OBJECTIVE: 1 Ensure Due Process for all Complaints within 180 Days
 STRATEGY: 1 Investigate & Reach Final Resolution of Reported Violations

Service Categories:
 Service: 16 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2021	Est 2022	Bud 2023	BL 2024	BL 2025
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Internal factors: The agency has set up processes for investigating and reaching final resolution of reported violations in a timely manner. Based on the current rate of complaints received by the agency, the agency has the resources to resolve complaints it receives in a timely manner.

External factors: The agency anticipates an increase in complaints submitted by receivers of services from the regulated community and will continue to track its effectiveness in resolving complaints in a timely manner.

EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE (includes Rider amounts):

<u>STRATEGY BIENNIAL TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</u>		<u>BIENNIAL CHANGE</u>	<u>EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE</u>	
<u>Base Spending (Est 2022 + Bud 2023)</u>	<u>Baseline Request (BL 2024 + BL 2025)</u>		<u>\$ Amount</u>	<u>Explanation(s) of Amount (must specify MOFs and FTEs)</u>
\$338,093	\$299,841	\$(38,252)	\$(34,214)	Capitol complex relocation costs only in 2022
			\$(4,038)	Agency share of HPC regulatory database upgrade was only for 2022-2023
			\$(38,252)	Total of Explanation of Biennial Change

481 Board of Professional Geoscientists

GOAL: 3 Indirect Administration
 OBJECTIVE: 1 Indirect Administration
 STRATEGY: 1 Indirect Administration - Licensing

Service Categories:
 Service: 09 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2021	Est 2022	Bud 2023	BL 2024	BL 2025
Objects of Expense:						
2001	PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$210	\$377	\$380	\$380	\$380
2003	CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$0	\$160	\$160	\$160	\$160
2004	UTILITIES	\$798	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2007	RENT - MACHINE AND OTHER	\$2,251	\$2,792	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$5,587	\$52,041	\$34,723	\$43,277	\$43,277
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$8,846	\$55,370	\$38,263	\$46,817	\$46,817
Method of Financing:						
1	General Revenue Fund	\$8,846	\$55,370	\$38,263	\$46,817	\$46,817
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)		\$8,846	\$55,370	\$38,263	\$46,817	\$46,817
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS)					\$46,817	\$46,817
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS)		\$8,846	\$55,370	\$38,263	\$46,817	\$46,817
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:						

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GOAL: 3 Indirect Administration
 OBJECTIVE: 1 Indirect Administration
 STRATEGY: 1 Indirect Administration - Licensing

Service Categories:
 Service: 09 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2021	Est 2022	Bud 2023	BL 2024	BL 2025
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STRATEGY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

These indirect administration costs are the costs incurred to support the licensure strategy.

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING STRATEGY:

The indirect administrative costs are not impacted by external factors as these costs will be present irrespective of any activity impacting the licensure strategy.

EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE (includes Rider amounts):

<u>STRATEGY BIENNIAL TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</u>		<u>BIENNIAL</u>	<u>EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE</u>	
Base Spending (Est 2022 + Bud 2023)	Baseline Request (BL 2024 + BL 2025)	CHANGE	\$ Amount	Explanation(s) of Amount (must specify MOFs and FTEs)
\$93,633	\$93,634	\$1	\$1	Corrected allocation of costs to appropriate strategies
			\$1	Total of Explanation of Biennial Change

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GOAL: 3 Indirect Administration
 OBJECTIVE: 1 Indirect Administration
 STRATEGY: 2 Indirect Administration - Enforcement

Service Categories:

Service: 09 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2021	Est 2022	Bud 2023	BL 2024	BL 2025
Objects of Expense:						
2001	PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$210	\$298	\$300	\$300	\$300
2007	RENT - MACHINE AND OTHER	\$436	\$473	\$500	\$500	\$500
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$610	\$5,925	\$5,895	\$5,896	\$5,896
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$1,256	\$6,696	\$6,695	\$6,696	\$6,696
Method of Financing:						
1	General Revenue Fund	\$1,256	\$6,696	\$6,695	\$6,696	\$6,696
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)		\$1,256	\$6,696	\$6,695	\$6,696	\$6,696
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS)					\$6,696	\$6,696
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS)		\$1,256	\$6,696	\$6,695	\$6,696	\$6,696

FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:

STRATEGY DESCRIPTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

These indirect administration costs are the costs incurred to support the licensure strategy.

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GOAL: 3 Indirect Administration
 OBJECTIVE: 1 Indirect Administration
 STRATEGY: 2 Indirect Administration - Enforcement

Service Categories:
 Service: 09 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2021	Est 2022	Bud 2023	BL 2024	BL 2025
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EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS IMPACTING STRATEGY:

EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE (includes Rider amounts):

<u>STRATEGY BIENNIAL TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</u>		<u>BIENNIAL CHANGE</u>	<u>EXPLANATION OF BIENNIAL CHANGE</u>	
<u>Base Spending (Est 2022 + Bud 2023)</u>	<u>Baseline Request (BL 2024 + BL 2025)</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Explanation(s) of Amount (must specify MOFs and FTEs)</u>
\$13,391	\$13,392	\$1		Corrected allocation of costs to appropriate strategies
		\$1		Total of Explanation of Biennial Change

SUMMARY TOTALS:

OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:	\$490,243	\$650,749	\$598,655	\$605,325	\$605,827
METHODS OF FINANCE (INCLUDING RIDERS):				\$605,325	\$605,827
METHODS OF FINANCE (EXCLUDING RIDERS):	\$490,243	\$650,749	\$598,655	\$605,325	\$605,827
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:	4.8	5.0	7.5	7.5	7.5

**3.B. Rider Revisions and Additions Request
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Agency Code: 508	Agency Name: Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists	Prepared By: Diane Fulmer	Date: 7/29/22	Request Level: Base
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3 VIII-58

Funding for Health Professions Council.

a. An agency participating in the Health Professions Council or the Health Professions Council Shared Regulatory Database shall transfer funds through interagency contract to the Health Professions Council from appropriations made to the agency elsewhere in this Act in order to carry out the functions required under Chapter 101, Occupations Code, and to maintain and update functions of the database. Included in the amounts appropriated above to the Health Professions Council, are funds transferred by the following participating agencies in the amounts noted below for each year of the ~~2022-23 biennium~~: 2024-25 biennium:

<u>Participating Agency</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists	27,651	24,112	24,480	24,901
Fiscal Year Total				

This rider needs to continue with the above noted changes.

This funding needs to be added to the member agencies general appropriations from the General Revenue Fund.

3.B. Rider Revisions and Additions Request

Agency Code: 481	Agency Name: Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists	Prepared By: Diane Fulmer	Date: 7/22/22	Request Level: Base
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Texas.gov Authority Appropriation

a. Each Article VIII licensing agency participating in the Texas.gov Authority is authorized in accordance with § 2054.252 of the Government Code to increase the occupational license, permit, and registration fees imposed on the licensees by an amount sufficient to cover the cost of the subscription fee charged by the Texas.gov Authority.

b. The following is an informational listing for each Article VIII licensing agency participating in Texas.gov of appropriated fee revenue for the purpose of paying Texas.gov Authority subscription fees.

	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
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Board of Professional Geoscientists	\$25,000	\$25,000
	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>

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Total

c. In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections for fee increases to cover the cost of Texas.gov subscription fees are insufficient to offset the costs identified above, the Comptroller is hereby directed to reduce the appropriation authority provided by this Act to agencies participating in Texas.gov to be within the amount of fee revenue expected to be available.

**3.B. Rider Revisions and Additions Request
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Agency Code: 481	Agency Name: Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists	Prepared By: Diane Fulmer	Date: 7/22/22	Request Level: Base
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d. For new licensing applications, the Article VIII licensing agencies participating in Texas.gov are hereby appropriated the additional revenue generated from occupational license, permit, or registration fees in excess of the Comptroller's biennial revenue estimate ~~2022-23~~ 2024-25 for the sole purpose of payment to the Texas.gov Authority contractor of subscription fees for implementing and maintaining electronic services for the licensing agencies. Each agency, upon completion of necessary actions to access or increase fees, shall furnish copies of board meeting minutes, an annual schedule of the number of license issuances or renewals and associated annual fee total, and any other supporting documentation to the Comptroller. If the Comptroller finds the information sufficient to support the projection of the increased revenues, a notification letter will be issued and the contingent appropriation made available for the intended purposes.

e. Each Article VIII licensing agency participating in Texas.gov shall notify the Legislative Budget Board and the Comptroller of Public Accounts in writing upon receiving an exemption from participating in Texas.gov. Within 45 days of receiving an exemption, an agency shall provide the Legislative Budget Board and the Comptroller with a report of the effective date, the reason for the exemption, and all estimated expenditures for Texas.gov costs in the fiscal year in which the exemption is made.

This rider needs to continue with the above noted changes. The agency needs the authority to appropriate the additional revenue collected since this is a pass-through appropriation and any fees collected will be paid out to the vendor providing the service, no amounts will be retained by the agency.

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Agency code: 481 Agency name: Board of Professional Geoscientists

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Excp 2024	Excp 2025
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Item Name:	Salary Supplement		
Item Priority:	1		
IT Component:	No		
Anticipated Out-year Costs:	Yes		
Involve Contracts > \$50,000:	No		
Includes Funding for the Following Strategy or Strategies:	01-01-03	Maintain Current Registry and Provide Timely Information	
	02-01-01	Investigate & Reach Final Resolution of Reported Violations	

OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:

1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	33,000	33,000
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		33,000	33,000

METHOD OF FINANCING:

1	General Revenue Fund	33,000	33,000
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING		33,000	33,000

DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION:

The agency needs to adjust its salaries in order to obtain and attract talented individuals

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS:

Current salaries are not at an adequately level needed to maintain and attract needed talent

PCLS TRACKING KEY:

DESCRIPTION OF ANTICIPATED OUT-YEAR COSTS :

This funding will need to continue in order to maintain the necessary level of salary pay

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Agency code: 481 Agency name: Board of Professional Geoscientists

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ESTIMATED ANTICIPATED OUT-YEAR COSTS FOR ITEM:

<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>
\$33,000	\$33,000	\$33,000

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Agency code: 481 Agency name: Board of Professional Geoscientists

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Excp 2024	Excp 2025
	Item Name: HPC FTE Regulatory Database		
	Item Priority: 2		
	IT Component: No		
	Anticipated Out-year Costs: Yes		
	Involve Contracts > \$50,000: No		
	Includes Funding for the Following Strategy or Strategies: 01-01-03 Maintain Current Registry and Provide Timely Information		
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:			
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	3,005	3,005
	TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE	\$3,005	\$3,005
METHOD OF FINANCING:			
1	General Revenue Fund	3,005	3,005
	TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	\$3,005	\$3,005

DESCRIPTION / JUSTIFICATION:

HPC is requesting an exceptional item for a new FTE to maintain the regulatory database project

EXTERNAL/INTERNAL FACTORS:

HPC is funded by its members agencies as HPC costs increase the corresponding member agencies budgets need to increase by the amount of their pro rate share

PCLS TRACKING KEY:

DESCRIPTION OF ANTICIPATED OUT-YEAR COSTS :

Funding will need to be maintained to continue to pay the new FTE HPC is requesting

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CODE	DESCRIPTION	Exp 2024	Exp 2025
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ESTIMATED ANTICIPATED OUT-YEAR COSTS FOR ITEM:

2026	2027	2028
\$3,005	\$3,005	\$3,005

4.B. Exceptional Items Strategy Allocation Schedule
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Code Description	Excp 2024	Excp 2025
Item Name: Salary Supplement		
Allocation to Strategy: 1-1-3 Maintain Current Registry and Provide Timely Information		
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:		
1001 SALARIES AND WAGES	15,000	15,000
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE	\$15,000	\$15,000
METHOD OF FINANCING:		
1 General Revenue Fund	15,000	15,000
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	\$15,000	\$15,000
FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS (FTE):	0.0	0.0

4.B. Exceptional Items Strategy Allocation Schedule
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Agency code: 481 Agency name: Board of Professional Geoscientists

Code Description	Excp 2024	Excp 2025
Item Name: Salary Supplement		
Allocation to Strategy: 2-1-1 Investigate & Reach Final Resolution of Reported Violations		
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:		
1001 SALARIES AND WAGES	18,000	18,000
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE	\$18,000	\$18,000
METHOD OF FINANCING:		
1 General Revenue Fund	18,000	18,000
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	\$18,000	\$18,000
FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS (FTE):	0.0	0.0

4.B. Exceptional Items Strategy Allocation Schedule
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Agency code: 481 Agency name: Board of Professional Geoscientists

Code	Description	Excp 2024	Excp 2025
Item Name: HPC FTE Regulatory Database			
Allocation to Strategy: 1-1-3 Maintain Current Registry and Provide Timely Information			
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:			
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	3,005	3,005
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$3,005	\$3,005
METHOD OF FINANCING:			
1	General Revenue Fund	3,005	3,005
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING		\$3,005	\$3,005

4.C. Exceptional Items Strategy Request
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Agency Code: 481 Agency name: Board of Professional Geoscientists

GOAL: 1 Assure Geoscience is Practiced Only by Qualified/Registered Licensees
OBJECTIVE: 1 Ensure Timely Licensure/Registration of Practicing Geoscientists/Firms
STRATEGY: 1 Evaluate Applications and Ensure Proper Examination

Service Categories:
Service: 16 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Excp 2024	Excp 2025
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EFFICIENCY MEASURES:

3	Average Time for Individual License Renewal (Days)	2.00	2.00
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Agency Code: 481 Agency name: Board of Professional Geoscientists

GOAL: 1 Assure Geoscience is Practiced Only by Qualified/Registered Licensees
 OBJECTIVE: 1 Ensure Timely Licensure/Registration of Practicing Geoscientists/Firms
 STRATEGY: 3 Maintain Current Registry and Provide Timely Information

Service Categories:
 Service: 16 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Excp 2024	Excp 2025
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OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:

1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	15,000	15,000
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	3,005	3,005
Total, Objects of Expense		\$18,005	\$18,005

METHOD OF FINANCING:

1	General Revenue Fund	18,005	18,005
Total, Method of Finance		\$18,005	\$18,005

EXCEPTIONAL ITEM(S) INCLUDED IN STRATEGY:

Salary Supplement
 HPC FTE Regulatory Database

4.C. Exceptional Items Strategy Request
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Agency Code: **481** Agency name: **Board of Professional Geoscientists**

GOAL: 2 Ensure Effective Enforcement of TX Geoscience Practice Act

OBJECTIVE: 1 Ensure Due Process for all Complaints within 180 Days

STRATEGY: 1 Investigate & Reach Final Resolution of Reported Violations

Service Categories:

Service: 16 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE DESCRIPTION	Excp 2024	Excp 2025
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OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:

1001 SALARIES AND WAGES	18,000	18,000
Total, Objects of Expense	\$18,000	\$18,000

METHOD OF FINANCING:

1 General Revenue Fund	18,000	18,000
Total, Method of Finance	\$18,000	\$18,000

EXCEPTIONAL ITEM(S) INCLUDED IN STRATEGY:

Salary Supplement

6.A. Historically Underutilized Business Supporting Schedule
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COMPARISON TO STATEWIDE HUB PROCUREMENT GOALS

A. Fiscal Year - HUB Expenditure Information

Statewide HUB Goals	Procurement Category	% Goal	HUB Expenditures FY 2020			Total Expenditures FY 2020	% Goal	HUB Expenditures FY 2021			Total Expenditures FY 2021
			% Actual	Diff	Actual \$			% Actual	Diff	Actual \$	
23.7%	Professional Services	23.7 %	100.0%	76.3%	\$4,456	\$4,456	23.7 %	100.0%	76.3%	\$9,142	\$9,142
26.0%	Other Services	26.0 %	19.0%	-7.0%	\$836	\$4,403	26.0 %	43.6%	17.6%	\$6,072	\$13,914
21.1%	Commodities	21.1 %	61.0%	39.9%	\$7,812	\$12,799	21.1 %	16.9%	-4.2%	\$912	\$5,382
	Total Expenditures		60.5%		\$13,104	\$21,658		56.7%		\$16,126	\$28,438

B. Assessment of Attainment of HUB Procurement Goals

Attainment:

The agency exceeded two of the three applicable statewide HUB procurement goals in fiscal years 2020 and 2021. It is difficult to attain the procurement goal for Other Services when the primary expenditure is to a non-HUB vendor and there is not an available HUB vendor for the needed service.

Applicability:

TBPG's functions do not include construction therefore, "Heavy Construction", "Building Construction", and "Special Trade Construction" categories are not applicable to the agency.

Factors Affecting Attainment:

If the agency excludes the one non-HUB vendor in Other Services from the calculation, it can usually meet or exceed the goal for Other Services. The Commodities goal in 2021 was unable to be attained again due to the lack of HUB vendors.

C. Good-Faith Efforts to Increase HUB Participation

Outreach Efforts and Mentor-Protégé Programs:

N/A

HUB Program Staffing:

The agency is too small to have a dedicated FTE for HUB purchasing. The employee that handles purchasing for the agency has undergone HUB purchasing training and makes every effort to utilize HUB vendors whenever possible.

Current and Future Good-Faith Efforts:

The agency follows a "good-faith" policy in its procurement process and attempts to use HUB vendors whenever possible.

6.E. Estimated Revenue Collections Supporting Schedule
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FUND/ACCOUNT	Act 2021	Exp 2022	Est 2023	Est 2024	Est 2025
1 General Revenue Fund					
Beginning Balance (Unencumbered):	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Estimated Revenue:					
3175 Professional Fees	790,978	756,404	770,000	788,294	788,294
3770 Administrative Penalties	0	10,486	0	0	0
Subtotal: Actual/Estimated Revenue	790,978	766,890	770,000	788,294	788,294
Total Available	\$790,978	\$766,890	\$770,000	\$788,294	\$788,294
DEDUCTIONS:					
Expended/Estimated	(490,243)	(650,749)	(598,665)	(605,325)	(605,827)
Transfer EE Benefits	(87,154)	(78,276)	(78,815)	(79,000)	(79,000)
Other Costs (SWCAP)	(34,228)	(35,000)	(40,000)	(40,000)	(40,000)
Total, Deductions	\$(611,625)	\$(764,025)	\$(717,480)	\$(724,325)	\$(724,827)
Ending Fund/Account Balance	\$179,353	\$2,865	\$52,520	\$63,969	\$63,467

REVENUE ASSUMPTIONS:

Revenue is expected to remain steady

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