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MEMORANDUM

To: All Bureau of Reclamation Employees

From: Thomas A. Luebke
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Subject: Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Rates for Technical Service Center (TSC) Work

The TSC billable labor rates for FY 2017 are shown in the attached table.

We continuously strive to manage the TSC's costs to keep our rates as low as possible for our customers and are grateful for the outstanding support we have received from you in the form of an extremely strong current and projected workload. While the base rate has increased about 3 percent, we have eliminated premium rates on two of our groups, and reduced or eliminated premium service fees for several groups.

For FY 2017, contracts and acquisition costs are being included in TSC service agreements to enhance the tracking of the full cost of these integrated services. To capture the acquisition costs, we will ask the procurement folks to charge their efforts to a TSC account, and TSC will charge a fee to the customer account to recover the procurement costs. To break even, we anticipate the fee to be 15 percent of the procurement award. We will also be adding a 5 percent fee to cover financial processing of service agreements for other agencies.

The TSC is committed to providing the technical services Reclamation needs to carry out its mission. We look forward to working with you to ensure the services we deliver represent the best possible value for all of our clients in FY 2017 and beyond.

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**TECHNICAL SERVICE CENTER
FISCAL YEAR 2017 BILLABLE LABOR RATES**

The TSC base rates for fiscal year (FY) 2017 are shown in the following table. The TSC will continue charging for services using billable rates for three skill levels.

Skill Level	Grades	Basic Labor Billing Rate	
		Per Hour	Per Day
1	1 - 10	\$68	\$544
2	11 - 12	\$96	\$768
3	13 - 15	\$120	\$960

The TSC has fees and premium rates to cover the costs of the special services associated with some laboratory, field, and computing activities. A summary of the premium rates associated with these services are provided below.

Org Code	TSC Group	Premium Rate	
		Per Hour	Per Day
8668410	Mechanical Equipment	\$3	\$24
8668420	Hydraulic Equipment	\$3	\$24
8668430	Electrical Design	\$3	\$24
8668440	Power Systems Analysis & Controls	\$15	\$120
8668450	Hydropower Diagnostics & SCADA	\$15	\$120
8668530	Concrete, Geotechnical, & Structures Lab	\$15	\$120
8668540	Materials and Corrosion Lab	\$15	\$120
8668560	Hydraulic Investigations and Lab Services	\$15	\$120

Finally, TSC will continue to offer the services of summer hire students and technicians at a reduced rate of \$25/hour (\$200/day).

Our client liaisons are available to help if you need assistance in contacting a technical resource or in developing a service agreement. Contact information for the client liaisons and the TSC budget support staff (<http://www.usbr.gov/tsc/tscorganization/8010.html>) is posted on the TSC website at <http://www.usbr.gov/tsc/> along with information for the wide array of services provided by the TSC.

If you have any comments or questions regarding FY 2017 rates and fee structures, please contact Jacque Wright at 303-445-2604.