Representative MFSA/MEPA contractor per hour billing rates. For comparison DEQ technical staff would cost roughly $40 per hour including rent, indirect, ect. while a DEQ administrative assistant would cost about $20 per hour.

| Area of expertise | hourly billing rate | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Contractor A | Contractor B | Contractor C | Contractor D | Contractor E | Contractor F | Contractor G | Contractor H | Contractor I |
| Project manager | $145.00 | $86 to $122 | | $192-$230 | $72 to $90 | $83 - $155 | $120.00 | $75 to $125 | $95.00 |
| Wildlife biologist | $90.00 | $65 to $122 | | $87 to $131 | $60 to $68 | $83.00 | $90 to $120 | | $65 to $85 |
| Engineering | $90 to $130 | | | $81.00 | | | | | |
| Fisheries biologist | $80.00 | $65 to $107 | | $87 to $131 | $60 to $68 | $41 to $83 | $120.00 | | $45 to $65 |
| Geology/Soils/Reclamation | $63-$100 | $65.00 | | $137.00 | $55 to $80 | $90.00 | $120.00 | $80 to $90 | $65 to $95 |
| Geochemistry | $80.00 | | $97.00 | $71.00 | | $90.00 | $150.00 | $90.00 | $90.00 |
| Surface water hydrologist | $95 to $125 | $65.00 | | $98.00 | | | $115.00 | $90.00 | $95.00 |
| Geohydrologist | | | $75-$107 | | | $84.00 | $150.00 | $80.00 | $95.00 |
| Land Use specialist | $85.00 | $100-$107 | | $84 to $177 | $60 to $68 | $70 to $110 | $150.00 | | $75.00 |
| Recreation specialist | $85.00 | $65-$122 | | $90 to $177 | | $83.00 | $100.00 | | $75.00 |
| Air Quality | $130.00 | $100.00 | | $138.00 | $60 to $68 | $90.00 | $120.00 | | $110.00 |
| Visual Resources | $100.00 | $65-$122 | | $99.00 | $60 to $68 | $92.00 | $75.00 | | $75.00 |
| Cultural Resources | $65.00 | $86.00 | | $96.00 | $47.00 | $92.00 | $60.00 | | $55 to $95 |
| Socioeconomics | $145.00 | $86.00 | | | $60 to $68 | $99.00 | $90.00 | | $100.00 |
| Geotechnical | $100.00 | | $90-$115 | | | | | | |
| Editor | $56.00 | | | $76.00 | | $75.00 | $120.00 | | $95.00 |
| Economist | | $85-$107 | | | | | $100.00 | | $65.00 |
| Health/safety/EMF | $215.00 | $85.00 | | | | $90 to $155 | $120.00 | | |
| GIS | $75.00 | | $68-$72 | $100.00 | $55 to $80 | $71.00 | $70 to $80 | | $60.00 |
| Administrative assistant | | | $45.00 | | | $43.00 | $45.00 | | $60.00 |
| Noise | | | | $138.00 | | | $75 to $110 | | $110.00 |

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