

DWR Architectural and Engineering Regulation Changes to go into effect on January 1, 2025

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§ 383. Estimate of Value of Services.

Before any discussion with any firm concerning fees may take place, the Director shall cause an estimate of the value of such services to be prepared. This estimate may be based on such factors as a market survey, comparison with fees paid to other departments' or agencies' contractors for similar services, or comparison with the salaries of comparable positions within the Department, within State service, or within other governmental entities. This estimate shall serve as a guide in determining fair and reasonable compensation for the services rendered. Such estimate shall be, and remain, confidential until approval of contract or abandonment of any further procedure for the services to which it relates. At any time the Director may determine the State's estimates to be unrealistic due to rising costs, special conditions, or for other relevant considerations, the estimate shall be reevaluated and modified if necessary. This does not prohibit the department from publishing estimated ranges of contract values.

Note: Authority cited: Section 4526, Government Code; Section 161, Water Code. Reference: Sections 4526, 4528 and 4529.12, Government Code.

~~§ 390. Exclusions. The provisions of this subchapter shall not apply to service agreements for architects or engineers engaged to provide consulting services on specific problems on projects where the architectural and engineering work is being performed by State of California Civil Service employees, nor to service agreements for the services of recognized experts retained as members of advisory boards.~~

Note: Authority cited: Section 426, Government Code. Reference: Sections 4525-4529, Government Code.