

2020 Cost to the Government

Federal Employee	Estimated Average cost per Hour salaries[1]	Estimated Number of Forms Processed [2]	Estimate of Burden Hours per Application [3, 4]
Information Assistant (GS-5 step 6)	\$18.36	2486	0.25
Geologist/Minerals Administrator (GS-9 step 6)	\$27.82	131	24
Specialist (Archaeologist /Biologist/others) (GS-9 step 6)	\$27.82	131	24
Vehicle		131	
National Mineral Materials Program Manager	\$47.97		24
District Ranger (GS 13 step 6)	\$47.97	131	1
Totals			

[1] General Schedule hourly pay estimates come from OPM website (<https://www.opm.gov>)

[2] Numbers are based on the amount of time and personnel are required to process a simple and 5% of contracts, respectively.

[3] It is estimated that an information assistant at the front desk can process the smallest application. An estimated 95% of contracts fall into this category.

[4] For the remaining applications, large or complex operations, a geologist or minerals administrator are in this category. It can take from 1 day to several weeks to process these applications. It is estimated that each of these applications requires approximately 24 hours for a minerals administrator and biologist). Vehicle includes \$.47/mile from R-1 fleet report for 4x4 SUV; estimated for these applications.

[5] Cost per application is calculated by dividing the total costs (cell H9) by the total number of applications.

Average Contracts (for use in calculating Burden Hours per application)

<b>Total[6]</b>	<b>2617</b>	2486
2014-2016 Average number of contracts		131
		<u>2617</u>

[6] Total average contracts, less Federal respondents, for years 2017-2020. From "Contract Processing Costs" table.

Total Burden Hours	Estimated Cost to the Federal Government (salaries)	Total Costs	Cost per Application [5]
621.5	\$11,411		
3144	\$87,466		
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	\$3,079		
24	\$1,151		
131	\$6,284		
7064.5	\$196,857	<b>\$196,857</b>	
			\$75.22

gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/2020/locality-pay-area-definitions/) simple contract (see [3]) vs a complicated contract (see [4]). Estimates are 95% of contracts

for simple contracts (existing pits/no excavations). It takes 15 minutes for the information

administrator processes the applications. Estimates are that about 5 percent of all applications vary depending upon the complexity of the site and information needs. The estimated average time for an administrator or geologist to process and includes about 24 hours of specialists (e.g. archaeologists) and 50 miles per these applications. An hour for a GS13 District Ranger is estimated for each of

number of applications (2617)

95% simple [3]	For this calculation, the total number of contracts does not include the estimated 1% of Free Use contracts that are to Federal Agencies.
5% complex [4]	
Total	

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