

Grading Rubric for Solicited Research Ideas to Support Brackish Resources Aquifer Characterization System (BRACS) Studies

Texas Water Development Board
Groundwater Division – BRACS Department

| Category → Score ↓ | Project applicability | Project meets goals of the BRACS Department | Proposed deliverables are reproducible and distributable ¹ |
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| 1 | The proposed project is not applicable to any brackish aquifers | The project is unrelated to brackish groundwater resources | The proposed deliverables are not reproducible TWDB staff with existing resources and would not be eligible for distribution by the TWDB |
| 2 | The proposed project is only applicable to a subsection of a single brackish aquifer | The proposed project does not meet any of the BRACS Department goals but is related to brackish groundwater resources | The proposed deliverables are either not reproducible by TWDB staff with existing resources or would not be eligible for distribution by the TWDB |
| 3 | The proposed project is applicable to the entirety of a single brackish aquifer | The proposed project partially meets one or more BRACS Department goals and is related to brackish groundwater resources | The proposed deliverables can be reproduced by TWDB with existing resources but with additional effort and can be distributed by the TWDB at a cost |
| 4 | The proposed project could be applicable to multiple brackish aquifers | The proposed project would contribute to one or more BRACS Department goals | The proposed deliverables are either easily reproduced by TWDB staff or easily distributed by the TWDB at no cost |
| 5 | The proposed project is applicable to all brackish aquifers | The proposed project meets all the BRACS Department goals | The proposed deliverables are both easily reproduced by TWDB staff and easily distributed by the TWDB at no cost |

¹ All data and resources provided by the TWDB must be publicly available data that can be widely distributed.