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DEVICE FOR SUBSURFACE MONITORING, READY FOR PROTOTYPE
US Patent-pending, Boise State University

Proposal section, 10 pages, p. 2-11:

1. Name of faculty member directing the project: Dr. Warren Barrash

2. Name of Idaho public institution: Boise State University

3. “Gap” Project Objective and Total Amount Requested: The objective of this project is to create a prototype of a device for subsurface monitoring to demonstrate the technology to potential licensees. Prototype development is the single most important next step for commercialization. A Boise State University (BSU) start-up company will be incorporated in parallel with prototype development as outlined in this proposal to take the prototype to commercialization. Activities in this project are planned so that (a) prototype development will meet industry specifications and (b) commercial production, distribution to vendor(s), and sales of the system under patent and contractual business arrangement(s) with established leading hydrology/engineering field equipment distributor(s) will follow shortly after completion of this project. Distribution and sales following development are realistically expected given the current gap in the market for temporary (reusable) modular packer-and-port systems and the potential for share in the market for permanent packer-and-port systems with the device (Modular Hydraulic Packer-and-Port system, or MHPS) which is easier to use and more adaptable to field conditions than currently available systems. The leading distributor of hydrologic-engineering field equipment (Solinst Canada) has expressed strong interest in providing in-kind assistance to us to expedite development of the MHPS to specifications that will fill the “gap” in the market (see Appendix C.3).

Total Amount Requested: A $50,000 budget is requested for this project (see Section 6 and Attachment 1).

Gap/Market Opportunity: The subject of this project is the Modular Hydraulic Packer-and-Port System (MHPS), US patent-pending, Boise State University, a new type of device for
subsurface monitoring in wells (Figure 1) which: (a) provides location-specific water sampling and/or monitoring capabilities in multiple zones; (b) is light-weight, is an easily-managed size (individual packers are about 4 ft long), and is easily assembled (by two people using minimal supporting equipment) into a variety of configurations to suit a particular sampling and/or testing application; and (c) is easily disassembled to allow temporary use in new or existing wells; or (d) can be configured for permanent installation. Such targeted, location-specific sampling and/or monitoring is needed or is potentially useful at literally tens of thousands of sites with contamination or other engineering or mining management issues (such as concerns with water levels or water pressure, water chemistry and/or temperature, and their distributions in the subsurface) that require location-specific information in an aquifer, and that may require rearrangement or removal of the in-well packer-and-port system as testing progresses or the

Figure 1. Example components of the Modular Hydraulic Packer and Port System (MHPS) in current-stage mock-up. Components are at scale (length between clamp rings is 1 meter) and made with low-cost, light-weight materials such as off-the-shelf PVC pipe, plastic tubing, and cam-locks similar to those that will be used for commercial-grade prototype.
project develops in successive phases. In addition, the MHPS provides the unique capability – i.e., not currently available in the market – for better targeting of isolated zone positions, more zones that can be isolated per well, and more dedicated sampling tubes that can be monitored or sampled per zone (i.e., for more parameters or chemical species as needed).

**Intellectual property status:** A provisional US patent application for the MHPS was filed on November 23, 2010 (assigned serial number 61/416,200) by patent attorneys at Zarian Midgley & Johnson, PLLC on behalf of Barrash and Cardiff and BSU following the BSU intellectual property policy. Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDAs) have been executed to facilitate discussions (a) with Solinst Canada on interest in assisting with MHPS development and developing a business relationship and (b) with TechHelp about engineering support on several MHPS components.

**The technology:** The technology was developed by Barrash and Cardiff in August 2010 with funding from Barrash’s NSF grants: EAR-0710949 (Collaborative research: Hydrogeophysical quantification of hydraulic conductivity from electrical measurements of the effective properties of porous media) and DMS-0934680 (Collaborative research: Subsurface imaging and uncertainty quantification). The MHPS operates by inflation of flexible bladders (i.e., packers) with excess hydraulic head generated by adding water to a riser column that is open at the surface of a well and open to the bladders through holes in the riser. The excess head is the height of water in the riser that is greater than the height of water in the geological formation, or aquifer, that is pressing on the outside of the bladders or packers in the well. That is, the higher water pressure in the riser column and the inside of the packer (compared to the water pressure in the well and the aquifer outside of the riser and packers) forces the flexible packer to expand until it “seals” against the well wall or screen.

The science/technology is well established in theory and practice for inflation of flexible bladders with excess pressure or hydraulic head to achieve sealing against borehole walls to
isolate specific intervals between packers. The hardware development and integration risk is low because no critical technology remains to be developed. Remaining development includes improving several important components and testing of materials (especially packer sections with collar connectors; packer material; bottom plug), and fabrication, assembly, and specification testing to optimize their ability to work together in the required manner.

**Commercialization Partners:** Initially we anticipate working with Solinst Canada who is interested in helping us develop the **MHPS** for commercialization (see Appendix C.3). Also we will be seeking guidance from Mary Givens, Director of the the BSU Technology Transfer Office (TTO) and working with MBA or business classes on strategies we can pursue with other possible national and international private sector distributors, and whether any of these arrangements would best develop with local management of fabrication (i.e., local commercial partners for financing and fabrication).

**Partnerships with the public or private sector or contributes to new company creation:** Product marketing and distributing will be in partnership with established company(ies) that provide technical equipment to the hydrologic and engineering communities such as Solinst Canada and RocTest Ltd – both of which have >10 year histories of working with Barrash on orders for and modifications of somewhat similar components worth thousands and tens of thousands of dollars. Discussions with Solinst Canada for possible marketing and distribution partnerships are underway and have included discussion of arrangements such as licensing with payment of royalties on sales.

**Applications and markets for the technology including market demand projections:** Applications include in-well subsurface: (a) 3-dimensional (3D) sampling for contamination distribution; (b) 3D monitoring of contamination presence or remediation progress; (c) 3D characterization of hydraulic properties that control water flow and contaminant transport and chemical behavior; and (d) 3D remediation engineering (controlled emplacement of chemical or biological agents; removal or injection of water or other fluids to mix, degrade, control
movement, extract in targeted location-specific and time-specific manner as needed). Application environments include aquifers and the partially saturated zone between the land surface and the water table. Sites needing subsurface environmental characterization for water quality and engineering applications (including evaluation of contamination status, remediation, and monitoring) number in the tens of thousands (or more internationally). Better market demand projections will be part of the business planning component of this project. Range of applications and markets for the MHPS will be expanded from the initial design with follow-on variations for application to wells of different sizes and to different water chemistries.

**The product, its potential market audience, the competition, barriers to market entry:**

Potential market audience includes hydrologic, engineering, mining, energy, and regulatory organizations interested in selling or buying in-well multi-level equipment to accomplish subsurface investigation, production, monitoring, or clean-up operations. There is no competition currently for temporary in-well multi-level packer-and-port systems. The MHPS can be adapted to permanent installation where competition exists from several types of established permanent in-well multi-level systems with overlapping sampling and monitoring capabilities. However the MHPS will be easier to install, will be competitive in price, and will allow greater numbers of sampling zones per well than existing permanent systems, and greater numbers of sampling lines (tubes) per zone for a given number of packers than existing systems.

Barriers to market entry in terms of target audience demand are lack of familiarity and experience with the MHPS. These barriers can be overcome in general by (a) marketing and distribution by Solinst, the most-established distributor of similar types of products, and (b) by generating high-credibility technical awareness through publications and by talks at professional meetings that can provide confirmation of the ease of use and robustness of packer performance for temporary or permanent use (already underway and generating interest). Barriers to entry in terms of product development include identification of packer material that is sufficiently flexible and durable, demonstration of packer clamping approach that assures no leaks or
slippage, and demonstration of simple conversion from temporary to permanent installation with
displacement of water fill (i.e., temporary configuration) in the riser and packers by
commercially available non-contaminating pumpable sealing grout (e.g., Puregold ® by CETCO,
www.cetco.com or equivalent).

**The technology and the current state of the technology:** The MHPS is a collection of easily
assembled riser (PVC pipe) sections and riser-with-attached-inflatable-packer sections that can
isolate specific intervals of a well for simultaneously sampling water and/or monitoring water for
pressure, temperature, and/or other parameters in the separate, isolated intervals. The
measurements or samples can be taken through commonly available plastic tubes (Figure 1)
connecting the isolated zone(s) to the surface. The water level or pressure sensors (e.g., fiber
optic transducers) need only go through the tubes to or slightly below the static water level while
the water samples are pumped to the surface through other tubes (e.g., with a peristaltic pump).

The packers are inflated with hydraulic pressure that is greater than the static pressure in
the undisturbed borehole; the excess hydraulic pressure is generated by simply pouring water
into the riser (which is capped at the bottom) to a particular level above the static water level in
the well (static water level is known by taking the simple measurement of water level in the well
before placing the packer and port system in the well). The amount of excess head to add is
known from tables we will provide. Similarly, the system can be easily removed by pumping
water from the riser until the packers deflate, at which point the column can be raised with little
effort because of buoyancy.

The principal benefits of this technology are: ease of assembly, ease of maintenance of a
given configuration in the field, and ease of disassembly or modification compared to current
technology – all of which save time (money) and aggravation, and allow the user to better
configure the sampling and testing system to the needs and details of a given site at a given time
(better results). Also supplementary pressurization through a manifold at the wellhead is no
longer needed – which saves time, aggravation, and money because (a) less equipment needs to
be purchased as part of the system, (b) less equipment needs to be available to make the system functional and keep the system functional in the field (e.g., for initial pressurization, maintenance of pressurization, and measurement of pressurization), and (c) down-time and aggravation are eliminated or greatly reduced by having an open riser system that doesn’t require pressurization maintenance and is less prone to pressure leaks (which are difficult and time-consuming to locate and fix). Also tubes connecting the testing zones with the surface are outside the riser and do not need to be threaded through, and pressure-tight through, a manifold on top of the riser system at the wellhead. Importantly also, having the tubes on the outside of the riser allows for greater numbers of sampling tubes and/or zones to be used overall, and for easy modification of how many and which tubes are used to sample specific available zones.

The current state of the technology of the invention has been demonstrated in principle with adapted components during field research activities by PIs Barrash and Cardiff in 2010. That is, this project can focus on developing, testing, and refining a prototype rather than on demonstrating that a concept will work.

4. **How resource commitments reflect the priorities of Boise State University**: Resource commitments (Appendices A and C) include: (a) continued, normal use of research, office, and logistical space, equipment, tools, and utilities at BSU offices and laboratories including the BHRS; (b) continued normal support by the technicians at the COAS Scientific Shop; and (c) assistance by BSU TTO Director Mary Givens with guidance for intellectual property and business essentials. These commitments are consistent with BSU’s priorities to support research and research contributions to education in existing degree programs – in a manner similar to what has been committed for similar research activity and equipment development support for Dr. Barrash’s research program at BSU over the last 15 years (see Appendices B.1 and B.3).

5. **Evidence that the project will have a potential impact to the economy of Idaho**: At a minimum, BSU and the inventors will receive royalties in Idaho from sales of the *MHP5*. Unit sales (where a unit is an *MHP5* system for isolation of zones in an average 100 ft deep well with
an average number of 5 packers) at fully established market share have been estimated to be in the thousands by both Solinst Canada and students in the MBA585 class at BSU. The best estimate from the class was 5000 units (systems) with pricing recommendation leading to a unit/system price by the MBA585 class of $6240 using cost-plus-30% pricing. At achievement of this level of sales ($31,200,000), the cost-plus portion of revenue from sales would be $9,360,000. Also the MHPS expands the market for Idaho measurement instrument manufacturer Quality Thermistor, and for resident environmental and engineering services providers such as URS, CH2MHill, and the INL among others. Actual licensing and perhaps fabrication and assembly of the MHPS may be managed by inventors Barrash and Cardiff in Idaho (i.e., providing jobs and revenue); currently Barrash and Cardiff are forming an LLC (i.e., to be incorporated and operated in Idaho) with a third research partner (Dr. Peter Kitanidis at Stanford University) to manage these operations and to develop and commercialize associated products and services related to hydrologic and hydrologic engineering capabilities using applications of the MHPS.

6. Specific Project Plan and Detailed Use of Funds: We have a project plan to address development of (a) the MHPS prototype and (b) the business side of commercialization.

Primary MHPS development tasks include: (a) collaboration with Solinst Canada on equipment and testing specifications and on finding sources for materials and supporting parts; (b) acquisition of stock materials and components; (c) working with TechHelp for engineering on several components; (d) working with the COAS Scientific Shop for fabrication of components for prototype(s); and (e) assembly and testing of prototype(s) in the lab and the field with (f) on-going feedback and iteration to refine the product. Tasks (a), (b), and (c) will proceed immediately upon project award and will be followed as soon as possible by (d) and (e), and then followed by (f) for the remainder of the project.

Primary business development tasks will proceed in parallel with the prototype development with the assistance of: Mary Givens, Director of OTT; MBA and undergraduate
business students; and the Idaho Small Business Development Center on the BSU campus. Tasks will include: (a) completion of documents for US patent and filing by patent attorneys in association with BSU by October 2011; (b) formation of new Idaho company (Barrash Cardiff & Kitanidis LLC) by August 2011; (c) development of license agreement with BSU to market the MHPs by January 2012; (d) business plan development and continued market assessment throughout the project period; and (e) negotiation with and possible formalization of agreements with North American commercial partner(s) by July 2012. We (in association with BSU) will also (f) be exploring international patent and business arrangements throughout the project period including an expected PCT filing for European countries in late 2011 or early 2012.

Project reporting with HERC will occur quarterly. With respect to task milestones and performance metrics, we expect to have a set of first-round prototypes developed in 3-4 months with testing to follow for 1-2 months including shipment of an example subset to Solinst Canada for examination and feedback. Then we plan to repeat with refinements based on our experience and feedback from Solinst to have a tested, salable, “version 2” prototype by the end of month 10 to support serious negotiations with Solinst (and/or others) for a license agreement. Discussions with Solinst Canada for possible marketing and distribution partnerships have been initiated and have included discussion of arrangements such as licensing with payment of royalties on sales.

**Detailed Use of Funds with Proposed Budget:** The proposed budget of $50,000 (with no F&A charges) includes:

$32,200 for Salary (Barrash – 2 months, Cardiff – 1 month, student(s) – 3 months);

$8,700 for Fringe Benefits (according to official rates established by BSU); and

$9,100 Other Direct Costs including: parts and materials for fabrication and testing of prototypes; consulting cost estimate for TechHelp engineering design and specification assistance on selected MHPs components (e.g., collars, tube connectors, internal sleeve support); computing recharge center surcharge for CGISS research center (as per Geosciences Department policy); and vehicle costs for transportation to field site for prototype testing in wells. Materials
and supplies include PVC stock bars for collars, custom rubber/synthetic packer sleeves, connectors for tubing, camlocks, tubes for fluid, risers, miscellaneous tools, and possibly components for a set of smaller-diameter prototypes.

7. **Education and Outreach:** Graduate student(s) in geosciences will be involved in assembly and in testing of the *MHPS* under different configurations in the lab and in the field. Engineering students will be involved with TechHelp in the design of components as a regular part of TechHelp operations. Also business students (MBA and/or undergraduates) have been and will continue to be involved in helping to prepare a business plan for the commercialization of the *MHPS*. We have had on-going success in attracting and involving high-quality students in research activities due to the strength and reputation of programs in hydrology and geophysics at BSU and due to the policy of providing either thesis work or broadening ("cross-training") experience for interested students in hydrology, geophysics, and geology.

8. **Institutional and Other Sector Support:** See Appendix A for a description of institutional facilities and equipment, and Appendices C.1 – C.3 for overall Institutional and other sector support including documentation of planned project technical assistance from TechHelp and from Solinst Canada (which has already begun providing this in-kind support and will continue to do so as per letter commitment from them).

**Appendices:**

**Appendix A. Facilities and Equipment:**

The Department of Geosciences at BSU is moving into the new Environmental Research Building (ERB) in May/June 2011 that includes dedicated lab space for Dr. Barrash that will support design, modification, and testing of components, alone and together, including barrel-scale submersion tests and individual component pressure tests. The College of Arts and
Sciences (COAS) supports two technicians with electronics and fabrication shop facilities to assist with equipment/instrument fabrication and modification; the technicians and facilities have supported projects such as this repeatedly in the past. Intermediate-scale assembly and testing will be conducted in a BSU staging and storage facility at 1029 Lusk St. (the edge of campus) that has full utilities. Additional equipment and instrumentation to support this project include vehicles, pumps, hoses, generators, flow-meters, fiber-optic transducers and data acquisition systems (including customized software for multi-well, multi-zone testing), and sampling instruments, hand tools, field support gear (tarps, tables, canopies, ...). Field-scale testing will occur at the Boise Hydrogeophysical Research Site (BHRS) which is a research well-field 9 miles from the BSU campus. The BHRS has 18 fully screened wells, each of which is 60 ft deep, to support deployment of the MHPS. As many wells as are needed for a given testing plan will be used for full-scale testing of prototypes in the full variety of configurations and operational conditions necessary for development and prove-out of the MHPS, including simultaneous deployment of several system subsets in different configurations in several wells for active testing to demonstrate pressure-tight isolation of multiple zones within a series of hydraulically inflated MHPS packers.

Appendix B. Biographical Sketches and Individual Support for PI Barrash and Co-PI Cardiff:

Appendix B.1 Biographical sketch (2-pg NSF-style) for PI Warren Barrash Ph.D.

WARREN BARRASH, Ph.D.
Research Professor, Center for Geophysical Investigation of the Shallow Subsurface (CGISS) and Department of Geosciences, Boise State University, Boise, ID 83725

PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION
Dartmouth College English B.A., 1970
University of Idaho Geology M.S., 1978
APPOINTMENTS
- 1993-present: Research Professor, Center for Geophysical Investigation of the Shallow Subsurface (CGISS) and Department of Geosciences; and Director (1997-present), Boise Hydrogeophysical Research Site, Boise State University, Boise, ID.
- 1987-1988: Research Hydrogeologist, Western Research Institute, Laramie, WY.
- 1978-1980: Geologist, Geoscience Research Consultants, Moscow, ID.

PUBLICATIONS
*Five publications closely related to the project:*

SYNERGISTIC ACTIVITIES
- Convened workshop June 8-9, 2006 at Boise State to help advance hydraulic tomography (HT). Participants came from nine universities and three European countries. Follow-up includes: data sharing and tech transfer, mini-symposium on HT at SIAM meeting March 2007, collaborative HT experiments at the BHRS in 2007, opinion paper on basin-scale HT in WRR, v. 44, 2008 (paper W03301).
- Co-originator and coordinator of combined hydraulic tomography – self potential – electrical resistivity tomography experiments at the BHRS in 2007 with participation
in experiments by researchers +/- PhD students from (in addition to BSU): Stanford, Arizona, Waterloo, Kansas Geol. Survey, INL, CEREGE (France), and CNR-IMAA and U Calabria (Italy); co-originator (with Straface of U. Calabria) and coordinator of course on hydrogeophysics offered by US and international research participants in association with the HT-SP-ERT experiments.

- Originator and coordinator of the BHRS, a field-scale subsurface control volume/test cell for multidisciplinary research, teaching, and asset for the research community at large – including using recent professional meetings for active recruitment of collaborative participation by the research community (e.g., SEG Workshop in Aug. 2006, AGU in Dec. 2006 – led to: current NSF project with Slater (Rutgers), Revil (Colorado School of Mines), and Binley (Lancaster U., UK); broadened participation in HT-SP-ERT collaborative experiments in 2007; current NSF project on subsurface imaging with Kitanidis (Stanford), Borcea (Rice), and others.

- Developed exchanges with University of Tubingen (Germany) including visits by researchers and extended stays and research collaboration at Boise State by a PhD student and post-doc leading to publications and continued professional interaction.

COLLABORATORS (last 5 yr)

CURRENT & PENDING SUPPORT (Note: Dr. Barrash is in a 100% soft money position)
Measuring and modeling hydrologic fluxes and states from aquifer to atmosphere; currently funded by DoD EPSCoR (4.5 mo/yr, present to October 2012).
Advancing hydrogeophysical quantification of hydraulic conductivity from electrical measurements of the effective properties controlling fluid flow in porous media; currently funded by NSF (1.5 mo/yr, present to mid-2011).
Collaborative Research: Subsurface Imaging and Uncertainty Quantification, currently funded by NSF (4.5 mo/yr, present to September 2012).
Stream-aquifer interactions in a semi-arid riparian system; currently funded by Inland Northwest Research Alliance (1.5 mo/yr, present to December 2010). Imaging of phreatophyte root distributions in shallow riparian aquifers, in prep. for submission to NSF December 2010 (requesting 1 mo/yr for mid-2011 to mid-2014).

Appendix B.2 Biographical sketch (2-pg NSF-style) for Co-PI Michael Cardiff Ph.D.

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Professional Preparation
Oberlin College                     Mathematics & Geology                 B.A., 2001
Stanford University                Civil & Env. Engineering               M.S., 2005
Stanford University                Civil & Env. Engineering               Ph.D., 2010
Boise State University             Geosciences                               Postdoctoral, 1/2010 - present

Appointments
- 2010-present: Postdoctoral Researcher / Assistant Research Professor, Center for Geophysical Investigation of the Shallow Subsurface (CGISS) and Department of Geosciences, Boise State University, Boise ID.
- 2004-2010: Research Assistant / Teaching Assistant, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, Stanford University, Stanford CA.
- 2001-2004: Senior Associate & Database Administrator, Project Performance Corporation (environmental consulting firm), McLean, VA.
- 2000-2001: Field/Research Assistant, Dept. of Geology, Oberlin College, Oberlin OH.

Publications
(i) Publications most closely related to the proposed project


(ii) Other significant publications


Synergistic Activities

- Published open-source code with majority of research completed during Ph.D. studies including MATLAB code for performing level set based inversion, MATLAB code for fitting petrophysical relations under omnidirectional noise, and MATLAB code for interfacing inverse modeling routines with COMSOL Multiphysics. Noted availability of code in published journal articles.

- Participated in processing and sharing (online database) of results from 2001 Hydraulic Tomography / Self-Potential / Electrical Resistivity Tomography field experiment for availability to broad community.

- Developed lesson plans and materials integrating COMSOL Multiphysics software into undergraduate / Masters-level class on ground water flow, and taught students about use of COMSOL user interface for studying flow and transport problems. Developed open
final project for students that allowed them to study various groundwater systems using COMSOL. Received Stanford Centennial TA award for this effort.

- Shared results of COMSOL-based inversion routines with COMSOL software developers, resulting in inclusion of freely-available sample problem in the COMSOL documentation that can be tested by users interested in imaging and inverse problems.

Collaborators (past 48 months)
W. Barrash (Boise State U.), L. Borcea (Rice U.), Z. Cai (U. of Sheffield, UK), F. Chidichimo (U. Calabria, Italy), O. Cirpka (U. Tubingen, Germany), T. Clemo (Intera, Inc.), B. Dafflon (U. Lausanne, Switzerland), A. Crespy (U. Paul Cézanne, France), A. Guadagnini (U. Calabria, Italy), A. Jardani (Colorado School of Mines [CSM]), T. Johnson (INL), U. Kim (U. Tennessee Knoxville), P. Kitanidis (Stanford U.), X. Liu (Stanford U.) B. Malama (Sandia), J. Parker (U. Tennessee Knoxville), A. Revil (Colo. School of Mines), M. Riva (U. Calabria, Italy), E. Rizzo (CNR-IMAA, Italy), S. Straface (U. Calabria, Italy), M. Thoma (Boise State U.), R. Wilson (U. of Sheffield, UK)

Graduate Advisors and Postdoctoral Sponsors
M.S. Advisor: Peter K. Kitanidis (Stanford)
Ph.D. Advisor: Peter K. Kitanidis (Stanford), Ph.D. Committee: David L. Freyberg (Stanford), Rosemary Knight (Stanford), Steven Gorelick (Stanford)
Postdoctoral sponsor: Warren Barrash (Boise State Univ.)

CURRENT & PENDING SUPPORT (Note: Dr. Cardiff is in a 100% soft money position)
Collaborative Research: Subsurface Imaging and Uncertainty Quantification, currently funded by NSF (9 mo/yr, present to May 2012).
Teaching 2 graduate hydrogeology courses per year; currently funded by Geosciences Department (3 mo/yr, present to May 2012).
Imaging of phreatic root distributions in shallow riparian aquifers, in prep. for submission to NSF (requesting 2.5 mo/yr for 2011-2014).

Appendix B.3. Full CV for Project Director Warren Barrash Ph.D.:

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. 1986, Geology, University of Idaho (Whittenberger Fellow, 1981-82)
  Dissertation: Hydrostratigraphy and hydraulic behavior of fractured Brule Formation,
  Cheyenne County, Nebraska
M.S. 1978, Geology, University of Idaho
B.A. 1970, English, Dartmouth College (Honors Major)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Professor, Center for Geophysical Investigation of the Shallow Subsurface (CGISS)
  and Department of Geosciences, and Director, Boise Hydrogeophysical Research Site,
  Boise State University, Boise, ID, 1993-present
Hydrogeologist and Subsurface Program Manager, INEL Oversight Program, Idaho Department
Hydrogeologist and Consulting Manager, In-Situ, Inc., Laramie, WY, 1988-1989
Research Hydrogeologist, Western Research Institute, Laramie, WY, 1987-1988
Research Hydrogeologist, Nebraska Geological Survey, Scottsbluff, NE, 1983-1987

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND REGISTRATION

Member, American Geophysical Union
Member, Geological Society of America
Member, Association of Groundwater Scientists and Engineers (NGWA)
Member, International Association of Hydrological Sciences
Registered Professional Geologist, #805, Idaho Board of Registration

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Boise State University:
  Advanced Hydrogeology (3 cr); Fall, graduate-level, cross listed with Civil Engineering
  Applied Hydrogeology (3 cr); Spring, graduate-level, cross listed with Civil Engineering
  Hydrogeophysics Seminar (1 cr); Fall and Spring 2000-2006, grad/undergrad-level
  Tectonics of the Pacific Northwest (3 cr); Spring 1994, grad/undergrad-level

University of Idaho:
  Sedimentology (3 cr); Fall 1982, undergrad-level
INTERNATIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Tuberculosis Control Officer, Peace Corps/Malaysia, 1970-72
Smallpox Eradication Officer, Peace Corps/Ethiopia, 1973-74

RESEARCH INTERESTS

1. Measuring and modeling heterogeneity in natural aquifers using hydrologic, geophysical, and geostatistical methods, including the use of classical methods and development of new methods for measuring permeability, investigation of scale effects, investigation of petrophysical relationships, and developing methods for supplementing hydrologic data with geologic and geophysical data.

2. Investigation and modeling of flow and transport in groundwater systems.

3. Late-Cenozoic tectonics in the Pacific Northwest.

RESEARCH GRANTS RECEIVED

National Science Foundation, $335,000 (2009-2012), Boise State University: CMG Collaborative research: Subsurface imaging and uncertainty quantification.

Army Research Office, $665,000 (2009-2012), Boise State University: Measurement and modeling hydrologic fluxes and states from aquifer to atmosphere at multiple scales.

National Science Foundation, $127,000 (2007-2010), Boise State University: Collaborative research: Hydrogeophysical quantification of hydraulic conductivity from electrical measurements of the effective properties of porous media.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, $218,000 (2007-2010), Boise State University: Hydrogeophysical methods for environmental sensing research initiatives in hydrogeophysics and hydrogeochemistry.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, $1,600,000 (2006-2009), Boise State University: Hydrogeophysical methods for quantitative site characterization and imaging of fluid flow and mass transport in the shallow subsurface.


U.S. Dept. of Energy, $100,000 (2003-2005), Boise State University: Subcontract to prime contractor Montana State University within: Assessment of geologic carbon sequestration potential for the Northern Rockies and Great Plains region.

Inland Northwest Research Alliance (Idaho National Engr. and Envir. Laboratory), $150,000 (2000-2003), Boise State University: High-resolution 3D sedimentary architecture and
transport parameter distributions in heterogeneous alluvial deposits with georadar.
Army Research Office, $150,000 (2000-2001), Boise State University: Instrumentation in
support of hydrologic testing at the Boise Hydrogeophysical Research Site.
Army Research Office, $300,000 (2000-2003), Boise State University: Research on inverse
methods applied to geophysical and hydrologic field techniques in support of development of
the Boise Hydrogeophysical Research Site.
U.S. Dept. of Energy, $250,000 (1996-1999), Boise State University: Reconnaissance investi-
gation of Birch Creek Valley hydrostratigraphy and hydrology with geophysical methods.
Army Research Office, $2,000,000 (1996-2001), Boise State University: Three-dimensional
characterization and modeling of permeability in a field-scale control volume.
U.S. Dept. of Energy/EG&G Idaho, $100,000 (1994), Boise State University: Data management
for the Large Scale Infiltration Test at the INEL; from instrumentation output to on-site
quasi-real-time data review.
Idaho Water Resources Research Institute, $7,600 (1994-1997), Boise State University:
Hydrologic modeling of groundwater flow and boundary effects due to complex stratigraphy
and faulting in the deep Boise aquifer system with support from high-resolution seismic
reflection profiling.
Army Research Office, $300,000 (1994-1997), Boise State University: Joint inversion of
hydrologic and geophysical data for permeability distribution of an alluvial aquifer.
Oversight Program: Evaluation of vadose zone hydrology at the Idaho National Engineering
Laboratory (in collaboration with University of Idaho).
Oversight Program: Investigation of three-dimensional distribution of ground water
contamination and hydrologic properties in the Eastern Snake River Plain aquifer at the
Idaho National Engineering Laboratory (in collaboration with Boise State University, Idaho
State University, and University of Idaho).
U.S. Bureau of Mines, $200,000 (1987-1990), Western Research Institute: Development of
database management system of hydrologic and mining data for permitting and groundwater
management, Wyoming (in cooperation with Wyoming Department of Environmental
Quality).
South Platte Natural Resources District, $45,000 (1984-1986), Nebraska Geological Survey:
Investigations to determine stratigraphic controls on and hydrologic behavior of fractured
Brule aquifer, Cheyenne County, Nebraska.

RESEARCH GRANTS: Major Participation in Writing and/or Co-PI

Center for Environmental Sensing, Boise State University/EPA Seed Grant Program, $50,000
U.S. Dept. of Energy, $55,000 (2005-2006) and supplements of $119,000 (2006-2007) and $131,000 (2008-2010), Boise State University: share of initial $480,000 grant and supplemental grants of $1,005,000 and $1,435,000 to eight universities for the Inland Northwest Research Alliance Water Research Consortium.

University of Minnesota, Institute of Rock Magnetism, Grant for no-fee use of instrumentation, (2006), Boise State University, Effect of complex magnetic susceptibility on electromagnetic induction responses for environmental and hydrological applications

U.S. Dept. of Energy, $280,000 (2005-2009), Boise State University: Subcontract to prime contractor Montana State University within: Identification, Assessment and Evaluation of GHG sources and Carbon Sequestration Sinks in the Northern Rockies, Phase II.

Office of Research Administration, Boise State University, $150,000 (2005-2006), College of Arts and Sciences and College of Engineering: Environmental Hydrology Research Center.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, $1,000,000 (2001-2004), Boise State University: Time-lapse imaging of fluid flow and contaminant transport in the shallow subsurface.


Inland Northwest Research Alliance (Idaho National Engr. and Envir. Laboratory), $150,000 (2001-2003), Boise State University: Tomography and Biogeochemical Reconnaissance for Characterizing Microbial and Solute Transport in a Heterogeneous Alluvial Aquifer.


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Oldenborger, G.A., Knoll, M.D., and Barrash, W., 2004, Effects of signal processing and antenna frequency on the geostatistical structure of ground-penetrating radar data: Journal of Environmental and Engineering Geophysics, v. 9, no. 4, p. 201-212.


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Substance Research Center, Kansas State University, p. 296-318.

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Barrash, W., Clemo, T., Johnson, T., Leven, C., and Nelson, G., 2006, Hydraulic tomography at the Boise Hydrogeophysical Research Site (abs.): Hydraulic Tomography Workshop, June 8-9, 2006, Boise State University, Boise, ID.

Barrash, W., Clemo, T., and Reboulet, E.C., 2006, Modeling and verifying multiscale, multifacies heterogeneity in a shallow fluvial aquifer (abs.): SEG Hydrogeophysics Workshop, July 31-August 2, 2006, Vancouver, BC.


Johnson, T.C., Routh, P.S., Clemo, T., and Barrash, W., 2006, Plausible solution space sampling to quantify resolution and uncertainty (abs.): AGU Fall Meeting, December 11-15, 2006, San Francisco, CA, EOS, v. 87, no. 52, Abstract NS23A-08.


Barrash, W., Knoll, M., Clement, W., Clemo, T., Michaels, P., 2004, Determining distributions of hydrologic and geophysical parameters in a heterogeneous fluvial aquifer, Boise Hydrogeophysical Research Site (abs.): Geological Society of America, Rocky Mountain and Cordilleran Sections, Boise, ID, May 3-5, 2004, Abs. with Prog., v. 36, no. 4, p. 76.


Johnson, T.C., Barrash, W., and Knoll, M., 2003, Imaging tracer movement in a heterogeneous sedimentary aquifer with Fresnel zone attenuation difference tomography (abs.): Geological


Fitzgerald, J.F., Barrash, W., and Jones, R.W., 1979, Challis Volcanics in Morgan Creek area, Idaho (abs.): Geological Society of America Abs. with Prog., v. 11, no. 6, p. 272.

Appendix C. Institutional and Other Sector Support:

Appendix C.1 Institutional and Other Sector Support Form

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<td>Solinst Canada, Ltd. has committed to providing technical expertise in consultation with Pla Barrash and Cardiff to facilitate the development and testing of the Modular Hydraulic Packer-and-Port System (US patent-pending Boise State University) of this proposal.</td>
<td>In-kind</td>
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<td>TechHelp, a business development assistance resource of Boise State University, University of Idaho, and Idaho State University with office and New Product Development Lab space on the Boise State University campus.</td>
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B. FACULTY / STAFF POSITIONS

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<td>Drs. Warren Barrash (Research Professor) and Michael Cardiff (Assistant Research Professor) are 100% soft money research faculty</td>
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<td>Mary Givens, Director of the Technology Transfer Office</td>
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<td>Technical support staff: John McDonald and Randy Nuxoll (College of Arts and Sciences Scientific shop)</td>
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C. CAPITAL EQUIPMENT

Description

Field vehicles (pick-up with crane, van)

D. FACILITIES & INSTRUMENTATION

Description

Office -- modern faculty office facilities are located in the new ERB Building that opened for occupancy in mid-May, 2011

Laboratory -- modern laboratory facilities, including 600 sq ft laboratory for Barrash and Cardiff, available in new ERB Building that opened for occupancy in mid-May 2011; field laboratory for full-scale testing at the Boise Hydrogeophysical Research Site (http://cgiss.boisestate.edu/hydrogeophysical_research_site.htm)

Staging and intermediate-scale in-door testing facility at Lusk St.

Field equipment and support equipment for testing includes equipment and instrumentation to support this project include vehicles, pumps, hoses, generators, flow-meters, fiber-optic transducers and data acquisition systems (including customized software for multi-well, multi-zone testing), water sampling pumps, hoses, and sampling instruments, hand tools, field support gear (tarps, tables, canopies, ...).

Appendix C.2 Draft Contract for Engineering Design Services with TechHELP:

Proposal – Boise State University / Department of Geosciences –
Preliminary Design – Subsurface Investigation Apparatus –
Collar

Contact Information

TechHelp Manufacturing Specialist

Name: Blake Young
Address: 1910 University Drive / TechHelp
Boise, Idaho 83725
Telephone: 208-426-5635, 447-7511 (Cell)
email: blakeyoung@boisestate.edu

Client
Contact Name: Warren Barrash, PhD, PG
Address: 1910 University Dr. / Dept. of Geosciences
Boise, ID 83725
Telephone: 208-426-1229
email: wbarrash@boisestate.edu

Current Situation
On November 19, 2010, Warren Barrash from Boise State University’s Center for Geophysical Investigation of the Shallow Subsurface (CGISS) visited Steve Hatten and Blake Young at TechHelp in Boise regarding design assistance in support of a HERC grant application. On May 3, 2011 Warren met again with Blake Young to discuss additional requirements for the project. At these meetings, Barrash presented an overview of an innovative assembly for subsurface investigation. The current apparatus is functional but requires mechanical design improvements to increase its market viability.

Desired Situation
The goal of this project is to produce a preliminary design and associated drawings with which Barrash may fabricate prototypes for testing. The end goal is to develop the product to enable investigation of potential market opportunities and production. The focus of the design effort will be on the collar portion of the apparatus, where the packers and tubing are attached

TechHelp and its New Product Development Lab (NPD Lab) team are well suited to develop mechanical designs and engineering drawings for this project. The NPD Team, which includes TechHelp mechanical engineers, mechanical engineering student designers, and prototyping resources, has produced mechanical designs for manufacturers in Idaho for over 10 years.

Collar Requirements (Preliminary) -
The collars will have an outside diameter that will allow it to fit inside a 4in diameter well/hole and have a 1.25 schedule 40 PVC tube to pass through the center. This allows for the connection of tubing (1/2in OD LDPE) with a 3/8in inside diameter. It is important that this inside diameter stay constant as instruments of this size will need to pass through the apparatus. The current prototype uses barbed fittings that press-fit into the LDPE tubing. Although this works will, an alternative would like to be found. The number of tubes is currently 12, but there should be as many as is practical to allow for connecting and disconnecting tube ends at the Collar flange. The fittings that hold the tubes in place must not hang over the edge of the collar and must be able to be easily connected and disconnected. Tubes, including all connections, must remain water tight. Radial hole in collar allows air or water to inflate packer around collar.

Packer is held in place by one clamp on each end. Clamps must not protrude substantially beyond the flange OD. The collar should also have numbers on the two outside faces. These numbers correspond to the small tubes and will be used in the experiments that are performed. An additional feature is a directional arrow that shows what side is up facing.

The existing sleeve is made from a piece of rubber tubing. The tubing is rolled up in shipment which creates creases on the edges. When installed on the packers, the creases flatten the sleeve in the middle of the assembly and bind when placed into well/holes. A solution for this problem needs to be explored.

**Project Recommendations: Preliminary Design – Collar**

**Process Step**

1. **Kick-off meeting – Early July, 2011**
   The purpose of this meeting is to clarify the project steps and to solidify the project requirements and deliverables for the design team and Barrash. At this meeting Barrash will present any updated product requirements, and the group will discuss deliverables and timeline. Estimated time – 2 Student hours, No charge for TechHelp.

2. **New Design Concept Generation**
   Using brainstorming techniques and gathering information from existing products and literature, the New Product Development (NPD) team will produce several concepts that meet the requirements delineated by Barrash above. Concepts may be expressed and recorded graphically via hand sketches and/or basic solid modeling. Estimated time – 6 Student hours, 2 TechHelp hours.

3. **Meeting: Concept Alternatives Review and Selection**
   The NPD team will meet to present the generated concepts to Barrash. Benefits and drawbacks of each alternative concept will be discussed, and one to two concepts will be chosen to progress into the next design phases. Estimated time – 2 Student hours, No
charge for TechHelp.

4. Preliminary Design and Modeling –
NPD team will develop preliminary design CAD models addressing and displaying product features and functionality, complete preliminary analysis of mating features, and make preliminary materials selection. Estimated time – 40 student hours, 6 TechHelp hours.

Prototypes: Prototypes will be fabricated by a Lab in the College of Arts and Sciences. If NPD Lab prototyping services are required, an additional proposal/quote is required.

Deliverables: Three-dimensional design electronic files, simple engineering drawings, color printouts clarifying product features and functionality.

Barrash and the NPD design team will meet to assess the state of the Collar (i.e., connector, features and functions) design development. Barrash will redirect team as necessary to meet requirements and objectives. Estimated time – 2 student hours, No charge for TechHelp.

### Investment

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Other Expenses (i.e. Purchased parts, vicinity travel, etc.) not to exceed $500.

Barrash (Department of Geosciences) shall pay TechHelp for services rendered under this Agreement for each step of the project per the above pricing, of which the design portion is firm and fixed unless another contract is approved. Invoicing will occur at the monthly.

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If fewer hours are required, the invoice will be adjusted accordingly. If not satisfied with the material or methods presented, the Barrash may cancel at any time and will be liable to pay only for the completed activities listed above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have entered into this Agreement. The pricing terms of this Agreement shall be from 11/19/10 to 08/30/11. The anticipated project duration is from 07/01/11 to 08/30/11.

**TechHelp**

By: ________________________________

Printed Name: Steve Hatten  
Title: Director

Date: _______________________________

**Client**

By: ________________________________

Printed Name: Warren Barrash, PhD, PG  
Title: Research Professor and Director,  
Boise Hydrogeophysical Research Site

Date: _______________________________
Services and Scope of Work: In consideration of the mutual covenants set forth herein, TechHelp shall perform the services described in the proposal. Once signed by both parties, the proposal stands as a legally binding contract. All services to be provided hereunder by TechHelp may be performed by employees or independent contractors of TechHelp.

Confidentiality: The term “Confidential Information” shall include, without limitation, any and all trade secrets, business methods, business records and files, computer programs, customer and supplier lists, product specifications, drawings and prototypes, price lists, reports, or other confidential or proprietary information of any type or description, whether such information is written form, maintained in computer form, or otherwise with respect to a party hereof.

Intellectual Property Rights: Client shall retain all right, title and interest throughout the world in each invention, discovery, or copyrightable material that is derived through or in connection with this Agreement and that is or may be patentable or otherwise protected under Title 35 of the United States Code.

Insurance: During the term of this Agreement, Client shall obtain and maintain in full force and effect, comprehensive general public liability insurance coverage at its normal and customary level.

Indemnification: TechHelp indemnifies and agrees to defend and hold harmless Client and its employees, officers, directors, and agents from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, causes of action, or expenses, including attorney’s fees, arising from the gross negligence or intentional misconduct of TechHelp in the performance of its duties herein. Although TechHelp may provide engineering and technical advice in the performance of this Agreement, Client acknowledges that it will rely on its own judgment in making final decisions with respect to all engineering and technical matters affecting the design, construction, material, and other aspects of any product produced pursuant to or as a result of services described in this Agreement. Recognizing the limited nature of the participation of TechHelp in such matters, Client agrees to indemnify, protect, and hold harmless TechHelp and its employees, officers, directors, and agents from and against any and all liabilities, claims, demands, causes of action, or expenses, including attorneys’ fees, that arise out of or are in any way related to this Agreement, except for any liability, claim, demand, cause of action, or expense resulting from the gross negligence or intentional misconduct of TechHelp.

Anti-Discrimination: Any Business using Federal funds shall (a) comply with all relevant federal, state and local laws designed to prevent discrimination, so that Client does not discriminate against any person who performs work hereunder because of race, religion, color, sex, physical handicap unrelated to such person’s ability to engage in this work, national origin or ancestry, or age; (b) include in all solicitations or advertisements for employees the phrase “equal opportunity employer”; (c) include those provisions in every subcontract or purchase order so that they are binding upon such subcontractor or vendor; and (d) be declared in default of this Agreement if it fails to comply with the reporting requirements of (c) above, or if Business is found guilty of any violation of any foregoing laws.

Remedies: In the event of any default, and under this Agreement, the non-defaulting party may terminate this Agreement and pursue any and all other remedies available at law or in equity against the defaulting party, except as herein limited. If Client has any claims against TechHelp with respect to any goods or services furnished hereunder, such claims may be brought only in action for breach of contract and Client shall not make any claim based on any theory of tort, including, without limitation, strict liability or negligence theories. The total liability of TechHelp for all claims arising under this Agreement shall not exceed the total compensation paid to TechHelp hereunder.

Other Agreements: This Agreement sets forth the entire understanding between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, merges all discussions between them, and supersedes and replaces any agreement, whether oral or written, which may have existed among TechHelp and Client to the extent that any such agreement relates or related to the subject matter hereof.
**Binding Effect:** Except as specifically limited herein, this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties, their successors and assigns; provided that the Client may not assign this Agreement without the prior written consent of TechHelp.

**Impact Reports:** Client acknowledges that TechHelp is a publicly supported program and that some data regarding the impact of this project must be collected by TechHelp to report to government sponsors. Client agrees to provide response to reasonable requests for follow-up information regarding this project. TechHelp agrees to report all information provided in compliance with second paragraph above.

**Appendix C.3 Letter of Interest in Assisting with Development by Solinst Canada:**
November 26, 2010

Boise State University
Attn: Warren Barrash

Dear Warren,

We are writing to you at this time to express our interest and commitment in supporting your proposal for funding under the HERC Research Proposal Development Grant towards developing your Modular Packer & Port System. Solinst Canada Ltd. is committed to participating in research and development opportunities that will assist in developing instrumentation and monitoring systems that can be commercially marketed for applications in groundwater management issues. We are very involved in providing technologies for monitoring groundwater contamination issues as well as both surface and subsurface hydrology and very interested in being actively involved as a partner institution in this initiative.

Solinst Canada Ltd. is prepared to provide in-kind support towards this project. The in-kind support would include technical feedback regarding design, materials, installation and ease of production. We are committed to providing industry with the most current and applicable equipment for field monitoring of groundwater problems and we see the opportunity to interact with your research group at Boise State University to be extremely valuable.

We look forward to our involvement and potential for interaction leading to the development and commercialization of technologies.

Best regards,

SOLINST CANADA LTD.

Sarah Belshaw,
President.

/sb
Attachment 1. Summary Proposal Budget:
### SUMMARY PROPOSAL BUDGET

**Name of Institution:** Boise State University  
**Name of Project Director:** Dr. Warren Barrash

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% OF TOTAL BUDGET: **53.4%**  
SUBTOTAL: $26,700

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## J. Total Costs: (Add subtotals, sections A through I)

| TOTAL: $50,000 |                          |

## K. Amount Requested:

| TOTAL: $50,000 |                          |

Project Director's Signature: [Signature]

Date: 5/26/11