

Howard County Auditor's Office

Invitation to Bid 2025-03

The Howard County Auditor's Office will accept sealed bids for VR Law Enforcement Training System with hardware for three (3) users. Required submittal forms may be obtained by contacting the Howard County Auditor's Office, Howard County Courthouse, 300 S. Main St., Room 101, Big Spring, Texas 79720 (432-264-2210) and are also available on the Howard County website <http://www.co.howard.tx.us>

Eligible bids must be submitted on the form provided by the County. Bids must be sealed and identified on the envelope's exterior as "VR Law Enforcement Training System". Sealed bids must be received at the office of the County Auditor by Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 1:30 P.M.

Bids will be awarded in the Howard County Commissioners' Courtroom, 3rd floor of the Howard County Courthouse, Big Spring, Texas at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 12, 2025.

The Howard County Commissioners' Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to accept the bid deemed to serve the best interest of the County.

Jackie Olson, County Auditor

HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
Randy Johnson, County Judge
300 S Main St., Big Spring, TX 79720
432-264-2202

Invitation to Bid

Howard County will be accepting bids for VR Law Enforcement Training System with hardware for three (3) users at the Howard County Courthouse.

BID NUMBER: 2025-03

Item: VR Law Enforcement Training System

Contact: Marc Thomas 432-264-2231

Sealed bids must be submitted by Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 1:30 P.M., Room 101, First Floor Courthouse, Big Spring, TX

See the County's website for bid information: <http://www/co.howard.tx.us>

Specifications and required submittal forms are attached or may be obtained by contacting the Howard County Auditor's Office, Howard County Courthouse, 300 S Main St., Room 101, Big Spring, TX 79720 (432-264-2210). Bids must be sealed and identified on the exterior of the envelope as "VR Law Enforcement Training System" and received at the office of the County Auditor by **May 8, 2025, at 1:30 P.M.**

The subject bids will be considered in the Howard County Commissioner's Court session to be held on May 12, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. in the Howard County Commissioner's Courtroom, 3rd Floor of the Howard County Courthouse, Big Spring, TX. The Howard County Commissioner's Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to accept the bid deemed to serve the best interest of the County. Project will be paid for out of current County funds.

Specifications:

Hardware: For 3 users.

Users: 1-8+ with no backpack PC's, tethering or exterior tracking technology.

Instructor Console: 11" tablet with protective case.

Headsets: Enterprise grade, 4K resolution, 2hr run time, hot swappable, spare battery included, Eye tracking optional.

Rifle: AR platform support. Use operational weapons with gas recoil drop in bolt and magazine. Rail mounted VR tracking sensor.

Pistol: Gas recoil Glock, M&P, Sig, 1911, 2011

Less Lethal: Supports in service CEW and MK3 OC Spray.

VR Tracking: No external beacons, Wi-Fi, or camera required

Further details:

- Build fully customized and interactive scenes.
- Sketch unlimited building layouts and accurately recreate real-world floor plans.
- Access a library of high-quality pre-built scenes and over 100 interactive props including cars, forensics, cover options, and more.
- Extract deep levels of insight including tactical proficiency, situational awareness, and use of force decision making.
- Dynamic characters include suspects, bystanders, and crowds that react to commands and real-time events. Choose from instructor-controlled characters, or act as real-life suspects using the role player headset, to challenge verbal, de-escalation and critical thinking skills.
- Highly portable system weighting under 40 lbs. in a single 56" case
- Supports single and multiple users
- Integrates with users' own equipment, including rifle, pistol, CEW and spray
- User-friendly instructor tablet
- Highly accurate VR positioning with no external tracking system
- Offline operation and no external internet, ensuring privacy and security
- No backpack computers, base stations, IT staff or specialized skills required

BID SUBMITTAL FORM
TO BE COMPLETED BY BIDDER

Please provide bid for:

VR Law Enforcement Training System \$ _____

Signed: _____
(signature of company official authorizing bid offer)

Printed Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Date: _____



HOWARD COUNTY TEXAS

House Bills 13, 19, and 89 Verification

(ALL FIELDS MUST BE COMPLETED)

Pursuant to Senate Bill 13 of the 87th regular Texas Legislature Session:

Verification Regarding Boycotting Energy Companies – Pursuant to Chapter 2274, Texas Government Code, Contractor verifies (1) it does not boycott energy companies, and (2) it will not boycott energy companies during the term of this Agreement. Contractor acknowledges this Agreement may be terminated and payment withheld if this verification is inaccurate. (Note: This provision only applies in a contract that (1) has a value of \$100,000 or more that is to be paid wholly or partly from public funds and (2) is with a for-profit entity, not including a sole proprietorship, that has ten (10) or more full-time employees.)

Pursuant to Senate Bill 19 of the 87th regular Texas Legislature session:

Discrimination Against Firearm Entities – In accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 2274, Contractor verifies that it does not have a practice, policy, guidance or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association; and will not discriminate during the term of the contract against a firearm entity or firearm trade association. This section only applies if: (i) Contractor has ten (10) or more fulltime employees and (ii) this Agreement has a value of \$100,000 or more to be paid under the terms of this Agreement; and does not apply: (i) if Contractor is a sole proprietor, a non-profit entity, or a governmental entity; (ii) to a contract with a sole-source provider; or (iii) to a contract for which none of the bids from a company were able to provide the required certification.

Pursuant to Sections 2270.001, 2270.002, 808.001, Texas Government Code:

1. "Boycott Israel" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes; and
2. "Company" has the meaning assigned by Section 808.001, except that the term does not include a sole proprietorship.
3. Section only applies to a contract that is between a governmental entity and a company with 10 or more full-time employees; and has a value of \$100,000 or more that is to be paid wholly or partly from public funds of the governmental entity.

I, _____ (Person name), the undersigned representative of
(Company or Business Name) _____
(hereinafter referred to as Company) being an adult over the age of eighteen (18) years of age, do
hereby depose and verify under oath that the company named-above, under the provisions of
Subtitle F, Title 10, Government Code Chapter 2270; depose and verify under oath that the Company,
under the provisions of Subtitle A, Title 8, Government Code, is amended by adding Chapter 809; do
hereby depose and verify under oath that the Company, under the provisions of Subtitle F, Title 10,
Government Code, is amended by adding Chapter 2274 will not discriminate and/or boycott any of
these provisions outlined and defined in House Bills 13, 19 and 89.

DATE

SIGNATURE OF COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE

**THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED AS IT IS A PART OF
THE BID PACKAGE.**

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

FORM 1295

Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties.
Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.

OFFICE USE ONLY

1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.

2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.

3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the services, goods, or other property to be provided under the contract.

4 Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of Interest (check applicable)	
		Controlling	Intermediary

5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party. ☐

6 UNSWORN DECLARATION

My name is _____, and my date of birth is _____.

My address _____
(street) (city) (state) (zip code) (country)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in _____ County, State of _____, on the _____ day of _____, 20____.
(month) (year)

Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity
(Declarant)

ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE**FORM CIQ****For vendor doing business with local governmental entity**

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.

A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received

1 Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.

2 ☐ Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire. (The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)

3 Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed._____
Name of Officer

4 Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, or a family member of the officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with the local government officer. Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?

☐ Yes☐ No

B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

☐ Yes☐ No

5 Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more.

6 ☐ Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a-1).

7_____
Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity_____
Date

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

A complete copy of Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code may be found at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm>. For easy reference, below are some of the sections cited on this form.

Local Government Code § 176.001(1-a): "Business relationship" means a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include a connection based on:

- (A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;
- (B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or
- (C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A) and (B):

(a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:

(2) the vendor:

(A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that

(i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed;

or

(ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;

(B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:

(i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or

(ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

Local Government Code § 176.006(a) and (a-1)

(a) A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:

(1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);

(2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or

(3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.

(a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:

(1) the date that the vendor:

(A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or

(B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or

(2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

(A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);

(B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or

(C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.

Form **W-9**
(Rev. October 2018)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

► Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Give Form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.

Print or type.
See Specific Instructions on page 3.

1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.			
2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above			
3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 48%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ► _____ <small>Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.</small> </div> <div style="width: 48%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ► _____ </div> </div>			4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____ <small>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</small>
5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.		Requester's name and address (optional)	
6 City, state, and ZIP code			
7 List account number(s) here (optional)			

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number									
or									
Employer identification number									

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ► _____	Date ► _____
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What Is backup withholding, later.