

School Safety Vendor Technology Directory

Start of Block: Introduction

Purpose of the Informal Selection Process

Pursuant to Texas Education Code §48.115 (c-1), the Texas Education Agency (TEA) is seeking to publish a directory of companies that may be selected by local educational agencies (LEAs) for the purchase of Silent Panic Alert Technology or Emergency Response Mapping.

Budget

TEA will not award a contract as a result of this informal selection process. This application does not guarantee inclusion on the School Safety Technology Vendor Directory, nor does it guarantee any contracts or purchases by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) or local education agencies (LEAs). The information collected in this application may be publicly posted. LEAs maintain the responsibility to contact the vendors directly from the directory published by TEA. LEAs are under no obligation to use vendors from this directory and may use other vendors.

Selection Criteria

The company must be able to fully implement the following sections for the indicated product in most school districts within their servicing area in order to be eligible to be on the School Safety Technology Vendor Directory.

Emergency Response Campus Mapping - State Requirements

- School systems must develop and maintain an accurate site layout and exterior and interior door designation document for each instructional facility that identifies all exterior and interior doors in the instructional facility and depicts all exterior doors on a floor plan with an alpha-numeric designation.
- The site layout and exterior and interior door designation document should be oriented in a manner that depicts true north.
- The site layout and exterior and interior door designation document must be provided to the district in an electronic format.

Silent Panic Alert Technology – State Requirements

- An alert must be triggered automatically in the event a district employee makes a 9-1-1 call using the hardware or integrated telecommunications devices described in this subparagraph from any location within the school system.
- With any alert generated, the location of where the alert originated shall be included.
- The alert must notify a set of designated school administrators as needed to provide confirmation of response, and, if confirmed, notice must be issued to the 9-1-1 center of an emergency situation requiring a law enforcement and/or emergency response and

must include the location of where the alert originated. A notice can simultaneously be issued to all school staff of the need to follow appropriate emergency procedures.

- For any exterior doors that feature electronic locking mechanisms that allow for remote locking, the alert system will trigger those doors to automatically lock.

Expected Sequence of Events/Critical Dates

Date	Event
06/27/2024	Vendor Application Opens
08/23/2024	Vendor Application Closes
TBD	Directory Posted Upon Completion of Application Review

Instructions

Vendors wishing to be considered for the School Safety Technology Vendor List must complete this entire form as accurately as possible. Any questions should be directed to safeschools@tea.texas.gov.

Please complete the following form by 11:59 P.M. CT on Friday, August 23, 2024.

End of Block: Introduction

Start of Block: Company Information

Company Information

Company Name:

Contact Person:

Title:

Street Address 1:

Street Address 2:

City & Zip Code:

Mailing Address, if different than above:

Business Hours:

Main Phone (with area code):

Email Address:

Website:

End of Block: Company Information

Start of Block: Company Description

Company Description

What year was your company established?

Are you licensed to do business in Texas?

No

Yes

If yes, License Number:

End of Block: Company Description

Start of Block: Topic Selection

Technology your information is submitted for (please proceed to that section):

Emergency Response Campus Mapping

Silent Panic Alert Technology

Both (Please complete entire form)

Silent Panic Alert Technology

Alignment with State Requirements (19 TAC §61.1031, School Safety Requirements; Texas Education Code, Sec 37.117)

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Does your product meet this specific requirement?

No

Yes

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No

Yes

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No

Yes

End of Block: SPAT

Start of Block: Geo Service Area

Geographic Service Area

What is your geographic service area?

Locally (please list specific cities)

Regionally (please list the Education Service Center region or regions)

Statewide

End of Block: Geo Service Area

Start of Block: SPAT - Costs

Costs

Does the service provided involve a one-time cost?

No

Yes

Does the service provided involve a reoccurring subscription?

No

Yes

End of Block: SPAT - Costs

Start of Block: SPAT - System Specifics

System Specifics

Is your product / system proprietary?

No

Yes

Is your product:

- Software Based
- Hardware Based
- Both

If cellular based, which network do you operate on:

Does your product offer tiered packages for districts?

- No
- Yes

If yes, please describe the tiers

If yes, please describe the base package

End of Block: SPAT - System Specifics

Start of Block: Emergency Mapping

Emergency Response Campus Mapping

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Does your product meet these specific requirements?

No

Yes

End of Block: Emergency Mapping

Start of Block: Geo Service Area

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What is your geographic service area?

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End of Block: Geo Service Area

Start of Block: Costs

Costs

Does the service provided involve a one-time cost?

No

Yes

Does the service provided involve a reoccurring subscription?

No

Yes

End of Block: Costs

Start of Block: Emergency Mapping System Specifics

System Specifics

Provide a general overview of Emergency Mapping technology.

Is your product / system proprietary?

- No
- Yes

Is your product:

- Software Based
- Hardware Based
- Both

Does your product offer tiered packages for districts?

- No
- Yes

If yes, please describe the tiers

If yes, please describe the base package

End of Block: Emergency Mapping System Specifics

Start of Block: Security and Data Privacy Requirements

Security and Data Privacy Requirements

Security Requirements:

A. All vendors are required to comply with Texas HB8 (85R), codified in the Texas Government Code 2054-516, requiring all data agency websites or applications that process sensitive personal information or confidential information be subjected to vulnerability and penetration testing, and to address any vulnerability identified.

B. Websites shall be accessible through a secure connection (HTTP-only, with HTTP Strict Transport Security (HSTS)), utilizing Transport Layer Security (TLS) version 1.2 or higher.

C. Provide secure configuration guidelines that were utilized that fully describe all security relevant configuration options and their implications for the overall security of the software. The guidelines shall include a full description of dependencies on the supporting platform, including operating system, web server, and application server, and how they should be configured for security.

D. The following sample list of requirements is given to exemplify best application and development practices:

- i. Usage-limiting techniques and other protective countermeasures wherever a denial-of-service or automated attack vulnerability is clearly inherent in the architecture.
- ii. Sufficiently strong encryption, per industry standards, wherever confidential data is at rest or traverses a network.
- iii. Effective error handling that does not return unnecessarily verbose message to the user that could be used to gain insight into the application internals or other privileged processes or data.

- Our company and product MEET all the above TEA Cyber Security Practices.
- Our company and product DO NOT MEET all the above TEA Cyber Security Practices.

End of Block: Security and Data Privacy Requirements

Start of Block: TX - Ramp

TX-RAMP Certification

The Texas Risk and Authorization Management Program (TX-RAMP) is a DIR program that provides review of security measures taken by cloud products and services that transmit data to Texas state agencies. Cloud providers must comply with an established DIR framework and continuous compliance to be accepted. TX-RAMP was established from requirements put forth in Senate Bill 475.

Is your company TX-RAMP certified?

- No
- Yes

End of Block: TX - Ramp

Start of Block: FedRAMP

FedRAMP Certification

The Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program (FedRAMP®) was established in 2011 to provide a cost-effective, risk-based approach for the adoption and use of cloud services by the federal government. FedRAMP empowers agencies to use modern cloud technologies, with an emphasis on security and protection of federal information. In December 2022, the

FedRAMP Authorization Act was signed as part of the FY23 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The Act codifies the FedRAMP program as the authoritative standardized approach to security assessment and authorization for cloud computing products and services that process unclassified federal information.

Is your company FedRAMP certified?

No

Yes

End of Block: FedRAMP

Start of Block: Data Security

Data Security

Accepted vendors must notify TEA immediately upon learning of any actual or suspected security breach or denial of service attack. A security breach is an incident in which sensitive, protected, or confidential data may have been viewed, stolen, altered, or used by an individual unauthorized to do so. A denial-of-service attack is a cyber-attack where the perpetrator seeks to make a machine or network resource unavailable to its intended users by temporarily or indefinitely disrupting services of a host connected to the Internet.

We AGREE to inform TEA immediately upon learning of any actual or suspected security breach or denial of service attack.

We DO NOT AGREE to inform TEA immediately upon learning of any actual or suspected security breach or denial of service attack.

End of Block: Data Security

Start of Block: Right of Removal

Right of Removal

The Texas Education Agency has the right to remove any vendor from the list who fails to respond to a reasonable number of bids, fails to provide adequate services or meet contractual obligations, changes their offerings, or those who fail to align with minimal state requirements (either Commissioner's rule or statute), as reported by LEAs.

End of Block: Right of Removal

Start of Block: Authorization to Post

Authorization to Post

The completion of this application authorizes the Texas Education Agency to post the information contained within this application for the School Safety Technology Vendor List on its official website and/or other relevant platforms associated with the agency. I understand that the information provided may be accessible to the public and consent to its publication for the intended purpose.

End of Block: Authorization to Post

Start of Block: TPIA

Texas Public Information Act

Texas Public Information Act Proposals submitted in response to this solicitation are subject to release under TGC, Chapter 552, Public Information Act. If TEA receives a Public Information Act request for proposal(s) received under this solicitation, contractors may have the opportunity to demonstrate that some or all their proposal falls into one or more exceptions to disclosure. Contractors should indicate on the proposal cover if their submission contains proprietary information and identify the specific sections within the proposal that are proprietary. It is not sufficient to mark every page as confidential; rather, contractors should identify specific information or sections as proprietary.

End of Block: TPIA

Start of Block: Authorizing

Authorizing

I certify that all information submitted in my application is accurate and truthful to the best of my knowledge. I release the Texas Education Agency and its representatives from any liability associated with the publication of this information.

Contact Name:

Contact Email

Signature:

End of Block: Authorizing
