East Texas Council of Governments  
3800 Stone Rd. Kilgore, TX 75662

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL:** **RFP# PS-ERPT25R**

**FY26-F27 ETCOG REGIONAL POLICE TRAINING 2025 RFP**

**David A. Cleveland, Executive Director, ETCOG**

**Stephanie Hefner, Director of Public Safety**

**RFP TIMELINE SCHEDULE** (dates/times subject to change)

**Bid Released Friday, August 29, 2025**

Questions Due Monday, September 15, 2025   
Staff Responses Post Friday, September 19, 2025

**Access Link Deadline Monday, September 29, 2025 (11:00A.M.)**  
**Bids Due Tuesday, September 30, 2025 (11:00 A. M.)**

All programs and employers under the auspices of ETCOG is in compliance with   
EO (29 CFR 38.25).

**INTRODUCTION**

**East Texas Council of Governments**

East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) is a voluntary association of counties, cities, school districts and special districts within a fourteen-county East Texas region. ETCOG assists local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit and coordinating sound regional development. Either directly or through contractors, ETCOG provides programs and services for East Texas seniors, employers, and job seekers.  ETCOG also builds the 9-1-1 emergency call delivery system, provides peace officer training and homeland security planning services; and delivers rural transportation services, business finance programs, grant writing services and environmental grant funding for the region.

**PURPOSE**

East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) is seeking qualified organizations and institutions to submit proposals to provide training for officers of law enforcement agencies in Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Wood, Upshur, and Van Zandt Counties.

**PROPOSAL INFORMATION**

The period for a financial and compliance audit will be for the year ending September 30, 2025, for the East Texas Council of Governments and the annual audit will include approximately $59,000,000 of grant funds which shall be performed in accordance with state policy and federal regulations.

**PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS**

**Proposal Requirements**

1. **Course Eligibility**  
   Proposed classes must be those for which the responding organizations or institutions are fully qualified and authorized to deliver, in accordance with Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) requirements for training courses offered to state law enforcement officers.
2. **Course Pricing**  
   Quoted prices, whether for in-person, hybrid, or online courses, must include all required training materials (e.g., notebooks, textbooks, practice materials, and other incidentals), excluding ammunition.
3. **Training Facilities**  
   Training courses must be conducted in a comfortable, ADA compliant, well-lit environment equipped with appropriate audiovisual support, as required by course content. This applies to both in-person and online training. A detailed description of all facilities must be provided and facilities must be made available for inspection by ETCOG and/or TCOLE personnel upon reasonable notice.
4. **Financial Audits**  
   All financial records related to training delivery are subject to audit at any time by ETCOG and/or the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office. Any exceptions resulting from unauthorized expenditures or improper accounting will be the sole responsibility of the training provider.
5. **Course Evaluations**  
   For each course delivered—whether in-person or online—and for every instructor involved, trainees must complete a student evaluation questionnaire. Summarized results must be made available to ETCOG and/or the Office of the Governor, Public Safety Office upon request.
6. **Specialized Training Facilities**  
   The training academy must provide appropriate facilities and equipment for defensive tactics instruction. Additionally, access to a firearms range must be available to allow safe and effective training in the use of police service revolvers and other weapons commonly used by law enforcement.

**SCOPE of WORK**

Proposers must complete the **Proposal Summary Sheet (p. 7)** to detail the training courses and associated costs they propose to offer, in accordance with the following conditions:

1. Only include costs for courses that the proposer is fully prepared to deliver—either at their own facility or other suitable regional locations—and that fully comply with the requirements outlined in this RFP.
2. Proposed course times and locations, whether in-person or online, should reflect the training needs of law enforcement agencies within the proposer’s service area. Ideally, these offerings should be informed by needs assessments or direct input from agency administrators.
3. It is not required to submit cost estimates for all courses listed in the suggested schedule (pages 3–6), nor for all potential course repetitions.
4. Submit pricing only for those specific courses that meet all RFP requirements and that the proposer is ready and qualified to deliver.
5. Courses should be designed to accommodate as many law enforcement agencies as possible in order to reduce travel demands on participating personnel.
6. The geographic distribution of proposed training locations across the 14-county region will be a significant factor in ETCOG’s selection and scheduling of final training offerings.
7. While courses may be held at the proposer’s own facility, respondents are strongly encouraged to offer training at additional sites throughout the region whenever feasible.

**Minimum Course Categories to Be Covered:**

* Basic Licensing for Law Enforcement Officers
* Basic County Corrections Course
* Basic Telecommunicator Licensing
* Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced Special Subjects
* Specialized Training for Police Officers

Proposers acknowledge that ETCOG will select from among the proposed courses and may enter into negotiations to adjust content, format, or scheduling as needed in order to best serve regional training priorities.

**TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR PROJECT**

The following table outlines TCOLE-certified courses eligible for funding consideration. Additional courses may be reviewed and approved at the discretion of ETCOG. All course titles, numbers, and minimum training hours are subject to verification and update.

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| **Number** | **Title** | **Hours** |
| 2070 | Accident Investigations | 1.0 |
| 3305 | Active Shooter Response | 1.0 |
| 2011 | Advanced Criminal Investigation | 1.0 |
| 3718 | Advanced Field Training Officer | 8.0 |
| 2096 | Arrest Search and Seizure | 1.0 |
| 2108 | Arrest Search and Seizure (intermediate) | 15.0 |
| 2012 | Arson Investigation | 1.0 |
| 6023 | Background Investigations | 4.0 |
| 3895 | Basic Boat Operations | 8.0 |
| 4071 | Basic Code Enforcement | 36.0 |
| 5101 | Basic Concepts of Interpersonal Communication | 8.0 |
| 1120 | Basic County Corrections | 120.0 |
| 1107 | Basic Jail Course for Peace Officers | 32.0 |
| 3302 | Basic Hostage Negotiation Course | 40.0 |
| 1014 | Basic Instructor Course | 40.0 |
| 1000696 | Basic Peace Officer Course | 696.0 |
| 1000667 | Basic Peace Officer Course | 667.0 |
| 1000643 | Basic Peace Officer Course | 643.0 |
| 3710 | Basic Police Supervision | 24.0 |
| 3032 | Basic Principles of Supervision | 1.0 |
| 3301 | Basic S.W.A.T. Course | 60.0 |
| 1013 | Basic Telecommunications Certification Course | 40.0 |
| 3131 | Basics of Civil Process | 20.0 |
| 3894 | Basic Scuba for Law Enforcement | 16.0 |
| 3970 | Basic SRO | 16.0 |
| 8158 | Body Worn Camera | 2.0 |
| 5105 | Building Interpersonal Communication Skills | 24.0 |
| 4065 | Canine Encounters Intermediate/Advanced | 4.0 |
| 2105 | Child Abuse Prevention and Investigation (Intermediate) | 24.0 |
| 3781 | Child Sex Trafficking & Investigations | 1.0 |
| 3309 | Computer Forensics | 16.0 |
| 2106 | Crime Scene Investigation (Intermediate) | 40.0 |
| 2097 | Crime Scene Response Team | 80.0 |
| 2120 | Crisis Communications Telecommunicator Intermediate | 24.0 |
| 3843 | Crisis Intervention Training - Update | 8.0 |
| 1850 | Crisis Intervention Training | 40.0 |
| 3939 | Cultural Diversity | 4.0 |
| 3906 | Cultural Diversity for Texas Law Enforcement | 8.0 |
| 3210 | Cyber Crimes Investigator Certification Course | 40.0 |
| 3951 | DARE Instructor Course | 12.0 |
| 3950 | DARE Officer Training | 8.0 |
| 2040 | Defensive Tactics | 1.0 |
| 2082 | Drug Recognition Expert Certification | 80.0 |
| 1015 | Drug Recognition Expert Instructor Course | 40.0 |
| 3402 | DWI/DUI Detection and Enforcement | 1.0 |
| 5102 | Effective Communication in Crisis or Conflict Situations | 8.0 |
| 3286 | Eyewitness Evidence/Identification | 8.0 |
| 3901 | Family Violence | 1.0 |
| 3702 | Field Training Officer | 24.0 |
| 3855 | Fingerprint Identification | 1.0 |
| 4005 | Fingerprints Latent | 1.0 |
| 2222 | Firearms Instructor Certification | 40.0 |
| 3701 | First Line Supervision | 36.0 |
| 3290 | Handwriting Analysis | 4.0 |
| 3407 | Highway Drug Interdiction | 1.0 |
| 2020 | Homicide/Assault Inv. | 1.0 |
| 5306 | Hostage Negotiations for Telecommunicators | 2.0 |
| 2052 | Hostage Negotiations | 1.0 |
| 3270 | Human Trafficking | 4.0 |
| 3820 | Introductory Spanish for Law Enforcement | 1.0 |
| 3599 | Jail Firearms Course | 24.0 |
| 3514 | Jail Administration | 1.0 |
| 4001 | Mental Health Officer Training Course | 40.0 |
| 3737 | New Supervisor's Course | 20.0 |
| 3308 | Officer Safety/Survival | 1.0 |
| 2047 | Officer Survival/Weapon Retention | 1.0 |
| 2045 | Patrol Procedures | 1.0 |
| 3322 | Patrol Rifle | 16.0 |
| 3323 | Patrol Rifle Instructor | 24.0 |
| 2005 | Penal Code | 1.0 |
| 3185 | Legal Updates | 3.0 |
| 3325 | Precision Rifle | 16.0 |
| 5308 | Protecting Law Enforcement Responders | 2.0 |
| 3256 | Racial Profiling | 4.0 |
| 2054 | Radar | 1.0 |
| 3601 | Recognition of Child Abuse or Neglect | 1.0 |
| 3268 | SAFVIC Human Trafficking | 8.0 |
| 3260 | SAFVIC Human Trafficking Instructor Course | 24.0 |
| 2067 | S.F.S.T. Practitioner | 24.0 |
| 1016 | S.F.S.T. Instructor | 50.0 |
| 3954 | School Based Law Enforcement Training General | 2.0 |
| 4063 | School Based LE Train the Trainer | 20.0 |
| 3858 | School Resource Officer | 1.0 |
| 3307 | Search and Rescue | 8.0 |
| 2109 | Spanish for Law Enforcement (Intermediate) | 20.0 |
| 34003 | Spanish 911/Dispatch-On Patrol (Intermediate) | 20.0 |
| 22109 | Spanish for Telecommunicators | 20.0 |
| 3354 | Shooting Recognition | 40.0 |
| 3232 | Special Investigative Topics | 8.0 |
| 3264 | Special Investigator Certification Course | 24.0 |
| 3265 | Special Investigator Train-the-Trainer Course | 40.0 |
| 3352 | Spike Strips (TTT) | 4.0 |
| 3205 | Stalking | 1.0 |
| 3711 | Supervisor II | 22.0 |
| 3324 | SWAT Sniper Training | 2.0 |
| 3342 | Tactical Firearms Training | 1.0 |
| 3802 | TCIC/NCIC for Full Access Operators | 16.0 |
| 3807 | TCIC/NCIC for Less than Full Access Operators | 8.0 |
| 3812 | TDD/TTY for Telecommunicators | 2.0 |
| 3603 | Telecommunicator (general training) | 4.0 |
| 2107 | Use of Force (Intermediate) | 12.0 |
| 3504 | Use of Force in a Jail Setting (Intermediate) | 16.0 |
| 3891 | Water Rescue | 1.0 |

**PROPOSAL TERM**

**The period of performance is September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2027.**

**WHO MAY RESPOND**

Successful Proposers capable of presenting training courses that comply with the requirements of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) to any state law enforcement officer.

The successful Proposer, if any, will be solely selected by the judgement of and best benefit to ETCOG and program clients served.

**REQUIRED**

**PROPOSAL SUMMARY SHEET**

**PROPOSER NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Provide a brief summary of the organization's experience in the training field:
2. Provide a brief description of all facilities and instructional resources to be utilized in conducting and supporting the quoted courses whether in person or online:
3. Provide a list of proposed classes, brief training description, number of hours of the course, TCOLE course number, and cost per student per course:

**NOTE: (Payment for courses conducted will be based on the designated cost per student per course.)**

1. Attach the VITA of the person whose responsibilities will be supervision and coordination of the contracted courses and who will liaison with the ETCOG training specialist during the project period.

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| **TRAINING COURSE:** | **COST** |
| **Basic Police Officer Training**  Brief Description: | $ |
| **Basic Jailer Training**  Brief Description: | $ |
| **Basic Telecommunicator Training**  Brief Description: | $ |
| **In-Service/Specialized Advanced Training**  Brief Description: | $ |

1. Attach the TCOLE Certification for the conduction of courses or provide conclusive proof that the responding organization meets all the requirements for certification and will in fact acquire the needed TCOLE certification prior to presentation of any course(s).

**REQUIRED**

**CURRENT REFERENCES**

Please provide three (3) references from similar firms for whom your organization provided like services specific to this RFP, other than ETCOG, who can verify performance as a vendor/service is preferred. **NOTE**: Inaccurate, obsolete, or negative responses may result in rejection of quote submissions.

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**REQUIRED SUBMISSION DOCUMENTATION**

**Bid proposals/submissions are to be include the following:**

1. The required proposal requirements documentation (p. 2); (return with submission)
2. The proposal summary sheet (p. 7): (return with submission)
3. Appendix I & Conflict of Interest form - signed; (return attachment with submission)
4. Appendix II - signed; (return attachment with submission)
5. TxDot, PTN-130; (return attachment with submission)
6. Signed ‘Affirmation & Signature’ (p. 14); (**must** return with submission) and,
7. All pages requiring initials, checkmarks, and/or signatures not mentioned, if any.

**Attention:** It is understoodfailure to provide the above items with a submitted proposal will diminish award consideration and ETCOG has the right to mark the proposal as non-compliant and treat it as a no-bid at their sole discretion.

**Note:** Only Proposals submitted with all the required documentation/responses on this page shall be considered for award in conjunction with the Evaluation Criterion, (p. 12).

**HARD COPY BID SUBMISSION**

**HARDCOPY INSTRUCTIONS**: Hardcopy bid submissions must be clearly identified on the outermost return envelope or packaging and must be received by the bid submission date/time of **11:00 A.M., September 30, 2025**, regardless of if by mail, courier/delivery services, or hand delivered, at:

**East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG)   
Attn: Christine Weems, Strategic Procurement Manager  
3800 Stone Road, Kilgore, TX 75662**

***Write: Company Name, RFP# PS-ERPT25R, September 30, 2025, in bottom left-hand corner of the outermost Return Envelope/Package***

**NOTE:** Emailed, telephone, facsimile, or late bid submissions **are not allowed** in response to this RFP.

1. Proposers are to submit one (1) hardcopy marked ‘Original’ along with (4) four additional copies marked ‘Copy’ and submit one (1) electronic copy of proposal to include all related documentation. Please do not use 3-ring binders.
2. Pages should be numbered and contain an organized, paginated table of contents corresponding to the section and pages of the proposal. At least an eleven (11pt) point font of Calibri, Ariel, or Times New Roman is acceptable and must be legible.
3. It is the Proposer’s sole responsibility to prepare, submit, and deliver or arrange delivery of the RFP proposal(s) with all required exhibits and materials to the designated location on or before the published submittal deadline.
4. ETCOG will not bear liability for any costs incurred in the preparation and submission of submissions in response to this RFP.
5. RFP submission deadline *time* will be determined by the ETCOG lobby clock.
6. If submitting more than one property to be considered, each property submission should be placed in a separate envelope and clearly identified with the RFP number, submittal deadline/opening date and time, as referenced on previous page.
7. Courier or delivery services may not deliver directly to the specified location; therefore, it is strongly recommended**:**

* Proposers allow sufficient time for delivery of a hard copy proposal prior to the published deadline date/time to the location specified.
* Proposers understand that failure to submit a proposal by designated deadline, for whatever reason, may not be grounds for disputing the procurement solicitation process or any resulting contract award.

1. It is the Proposer’s sole responsibility to ensure any addenda or additional materials pertinent to their proposal be included in or with their RFP submission. ETCOG will not be held liable for missing addenda or materials at the time of the RFP Opening and said addenda or additional materials will not be accepted past the RFP submission deadline date and time.

**DIGITAL BID SUBMISSION**

**Upload Requirements/Instructions**

1. Proposers must **email** Christine Weems at [christine.weems@etcog.org](mailto:christine.weems@etcog.org) to request an ‘Access Link’ by **11:00 A.M., Wednesday, September 29, 2025**, if not sooner, to receive an access code for digital upload purposes.
2. Access code requests by phone, voicemail, or past the noted deadline date/time above will not be accepted, **no exceptions**.
3. It is the Proposer’s sole responsibility to upload their RFP proposal digitally with all required exhibits and materials by referenced ‘**RFP Submission Due’ deadline date/time (p. 1),** if not sooner.

**RFP RETRIEVAL**

The RFP document, related appendix,RFP bid updates, and any additional RFP information or amendments throughout the bid process will be posted as warranted on the ETCOG website and may be retrieved by clicking on the **‘FY26-FY27 ETCOG Regional Police Training 2025 RFP**’ link at <https://www.etcog.org/procurements> or request by emailing Christine Weems at: [christine.weems@etcog.org](mailto:christine.weems@etcog.org). Please note, it’s the Proposer’s sole responsibility to stay informed of any RFP changes/updates.

**PROPOSER COMMUNICATION**

There is to be no communication allowed, in any form, between ETCOG and their representatives, other than conducting daily business unrelated to this RFP procurement, during the entirety of the RFP process. Failure to follow this directive will result in rejection of Proposer participation and/or submitted RFP proposal.

**QUESTIONS/RESPONSES**

**Proposer Questions**: Proposer questions for this RFP process are due **Wednesday, September 15, 2025**, if not sooner, and must be emailed to Christine Weems, Facilitator at: [christine.weems@etcog.org](mailto:patricia.hudspeth@etcog.org) and no one else.

**Staff Responses:** Proposers **must** go online at <http://www.etcog.org/procurements> and click on

**‘FY26-FY27 ETCOG Regional Police Training 2025 RFP**’ to retrieve responses to all questions asked, no earlier than **5:00 pm Friday, September 19, 2025**.

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**HUB BEST PRACTICES**

ETCOG shall ensure that small, minority, disadvantaged, and women’s businesses are considered as sources for acquisitions whenever possible.

The proposer is encouraged to make a good faith effort to consider DBEs and HUBs when subcontracting.

Some methods for locating DBEs and HUBs include:

* Choosing the HUB/DBE organization in the case of tie proposals;
* Soliciting these businesses whenever they are potential sources.
* When economically feasible, dividing total desired services into smaller components to permit maximum participation by these businesses;
* If the requirement permits, establishing delivery schedules that will encourage small, Minority, disadvantaged, and women’s businesses to participate; and
* Using the services and assistance of the Small Business Administration or the Minority Business Development Agency, as needed.

Proposer is encouraged to make a good faith effort to consider HUBs and DBEs when subcontracting. Some methods for locating these businesses include:

* Utilizing the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts website <http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/cmbl/cmblhub.html>.
* Utilizing Web sites or other minority/women directory listings maintained by local Chambers of Commerce.
* Advertising subcontract work in local minority publications; and/or contacting the contracting state agency for assistance in locating available HUBs and DBEs.
* Encouraging eligible agencies to gain HUB or DBE certifications by providing all applicable information to do so.

**PROPOSAL OPENING**

ETCOG reserves the right to a closed RFP process for bid submission review/analysis and award recommendation procedures to the best interest of and best benefit to ETCOG and programs served as well as ensure the best competitive edge for all parties, and in accordance to [Texas Local Government Code](http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/SOTWDocs/LG/htm/LG.252.htm):

*Sec.* [*252.049*](http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/StatutesByDate.aspx?code=GV&level=SE&value=252.049&date=6/26/2014)*. CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION IN BIDS OR SUBMISSIONS.* Bid submissions will be received until the deadline date/time as referenced under *‘RFP Timeline Schedule. p. 1’*, and public attendance is allowed. However, only the names of submitting Proposers will be read and disclosed if received by the deadline date/time.

1. All bid submissions become the property of ETCOG after the RFP deadline/opening date.
2. Responses submitted shall constitute an offer for a period of one hundred eighty (180) calendar days or until a preferred selection for award is approved by ETCOG, whichever comes first.
3. All programs and employers under the auspices of ETCOG are following EEO. Auxiliary aids and services are available, upon request, to individuals with disabilities.

**PROPOSAL EVALUATION & AWARD**

Submitted proposals will be reviewed for but not limited to the following criteria and may be rated by an evaluation team made up of staff, outside evaluators, committee members, and/or other subject matter experts as deemed necessary for best possible results.

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| **CRITERIA TABLE** | **POINTS** |
| 1. Demonstrated understanding of the regional police training program (20 pts) | **20** |
| 1. Demonstrated qualification of proposed staff and faculty (20 pts) | **20** |
| 1. Appropriateness of proposed instructional methodology (20 pts) | **20** |
| 1. Appropriateness of proposed physical facilities and resources (20 pts) | **20** |
| 1. Demonstrated financial economy and reasonable costs in the development of the proposal (20 pts) | **20** |
| **TOTAL** | **100** |

**NOTE**: A composite grade will be given for the following chart criteria of 0-100 and a minimum of 75 points.

**PROPOSAL REVIEW TERMS**

1. Proposal submissions will be reviewed by ETCOG staff to determine if proposal meets program needs and if requested information and required documentation as identified throughout the RFP document has been returned to qualify for award consideration.
2. An evaluation team made up of staff, outside evaluators, committee members, and/or other subject matter experts as deemed necessary to achieve the best possible results will evaluate and score submitted proposals.
3. ETCOG reserves the right to contact any source regarding, but not limited to, vendor reputation, product/service quality, work history, and/or past performance to evaluate/award the bid submission(s) that best meet ETCOG program needs, and clients served.
4. The evaluation team’s preferred proposal will be presented to governing bodies as a recommendation for award so the governing body(s) may make a final award decision.
5. Proposal must have original signature of the person having the authority to bind the organization to a contract or it may be rejected for non-compliance.

**PROPOSAL AWARD TERMS**

1. **ETCOG will select multiple proposers to perform the services.**
2. ETCOG reserves the right to ask questions, request additional information or clarifications, hold individual interviews at any given time throughout the evaluation and negotiation process to

determine the proposal which best meets the procurement needs being sought to the best benefit of ETCOG and programs served.

1. ETCOG reserves the right to allow corrections of non-material errors or omissions at ETCOG’s sole discretion.
2. Submission of a proposal indicates Proposer's acceptance of the evaluation and award process and is in agreement the evaluation team may make subjective judgments in evaluating the proposals to determine best value to best benefit ETCOG and programs served.
3. ETCOG reserves the right to accept or reject any bid proposal received, as well as cancel the RFP in its entirety at any time during the bid process, without notice or explanation, which may result due to unforeseen irregularities, low response, or procurement needs not being met by submitted proposals.
4. ETCOG may modify or waive any provisions set forth in this RFP for any reason and all herein mentioned without notice to anyone if deemed in the best interest of ETCOG and programs served.
5. ETCOG reserves the right to negotiate the final terms of any potential contract or service agreement resulting from this RFP to include but not limited to the RFP document, Proposer(s) submitted proposal, and the RFP exhibits and Appendices I & II, i.e., ‘ETCOG General Terms & Conditions,’ and the ‘Essential Clauses and Certifications’ pages requiring signatures, all acting as binding documents to said contract or service agreement.
6. ETCOG reserves the right, should contract negotiations fail, to enter negotiations with the next highest ranked Proposer with a proposal considered best to meet program needs, and may continue in like manner until successful negotiations have been reached. Furthermore, although ETCOG has the right to negotiate with the next highest ranked Proposer, it is not required to do so and may re-procure or cancel the RFP at ETCOG’s sole discretion.
7. Proposer shall indemnify and hold harmless ETCOG, its officers, agents, and employees from any injuries or damages received by any person during any operations connected with the contract, by use of any improper material, or by any act or omission of the contractor or his subcontractor, agents, servants, or employees.
8. Execution of any resulting contract or service agreement is required prior to processing any payments to the successful Proposer.
9. Pursuant to protocol to advise of the right to appeal, a protest must be submitted to ETCOG’s Executive Director within ten (10) calendar days of the time the basis of the protest became known and said protest(s) limited to: 1) violations of federal law or regulations; 2) violations of State or local law under the jurisdiction of State or local authorities; and 3) violations of ETCOG’s protest procedures for failing to review a complaint or protest. The protest must be submitted in writing and must identify the protestor, the solicitation being protested and specifically identify the basis for the protest, providing all pertinent information regarding the solicitation, contract and/or actions of ETCOG.

**PATENTS or COPYRIGHTS**

Proposer agrees to protect ETCOG from claims involving infringement of patent or copyrights, if warranted.

**PROPOSER COMPLIANCE**

Proposer shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations, and the orders and decrees of any court or administrative bodies or tribunals in any matter affecting the performance of the agreement including, if applicable, workers' compensation laws, minimum and maximum salary and wage statutes and regulations, and licensing laws and regulations. Proposers will be prepared to provide satisfactory proof of compliance if requested.

**PROPOSAL AWARD NOTIFICATION**

* 1. It is expected an award will be made on **October 3, 2025**. (date subject to change)
  2. Upon award notification all Proposers who responded to this RFP will be contacted.

**CONTRACT PAYMENT**

Any resulting contracts are NET30 at the time the invoice is received by [a.p@etcog.org](mailto:a.p@etcog.org) in ETCOG Operations/Finance department.

**REQUIRED**

**SIGNATURE PAGE**

Proposer affirms understanding and acknowledgement of all referenced bid and program requirement contained within the RFP document; Appendix I - ETCOG Terms and Conditions/Conflict of Interest Questionnaire (CIQ) form; Appendix II - Essential Clauses & Certifications; TxDot PTN130, Attachments and any Exhibits (if provided) are explicit to this bidding procurement and Proposer must return any and all such pages requiring action, signatures, or checkmarks from the RFP document, Appendices, and Attachments with any submitted bid proposal. Proposer further understands and acknowledges making a false statement or proclamation of compliance is a material breach and any subsequent award of product/equipment purchase(s), offered services, and/or contract/service agreement is grounds for award cancellation.

**SIGNATURE**

The undersigned individual hereby certifies and warrants that he/she has been fully authorized to execute this proposal/bid submission on behalf of their firm and to legally bind the firm to all the terms, performances, and provisions as herein set forth.

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Printed Name and Title of Authorized Representative Email

**IMPORTANT:** Proposer must return this page fully executed and complete with proper signatures and signature dates for current/active RFP or the submitted proposal will be marked ‘Rejected/No Bid’ due to non-compliance.