



# Texas Radio Coalition

## Request for Vendor Profile 11/03/08

TO: Interested Vendors

FROM: Mike Simpson, TxRC Coordinator (512) 413-4009

RE: Development of Texas Regional Interoperable Communications Plans (RICPs) and Regional Communications Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) by Councils of Governments (COGs)

You recently expressed your interest to be considered by Texas Councils of Governments as a potential vendor of contract services for development of RICPs and Communications SOPs. Please complete this one-page form and return it to me no later than 8:00 a.m. 11/05/08 at e-mail address: [simpmike@austin.rr.com](mailto:simpmike@austin.rr.com).

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**Describe your company's experience in preparing US-DHS "Statewide Communications Interoperability Plans (SCIPs)," and names of governments for whom such work was done and when. If you do not have experience developing actual "SCIPs," but have developed other statewide or regional planning documents, state the nature of such experience, and for whom such work was done and when. (Limit response to 8 lines of text.)**

Working with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Touchstone created the SAFECOM Continuum, the SCIP methodology, and the Statewide Planning Criteria, which are now used by States and regions across the Nation and are the basis for obtaining Federal grant funding. Developed SCIPs for Virginia ('04-'08), California ('08), Nevada ('04), and Kentucky ('05). Developed a regional communications interoperability plan and operational and technical assessments for the Boston region ('04-'08). Established governance structures in Portland, OR, Boston, MA, Virginia, and Arizona. Through work at DHS, Touchstone has also partnered with emergency response communities in numerous localities to develop communications-related tools, case studies, and methodologies ('03-present). Supports the DHS Office of Emergency Communications which manages the SCIP evaluation process.

**If your company is already "on-contract" with a cooperative purchasing entity such as HGAC, U.S. Communities, DIR, GSA, etc., please state the name of the contracting agency, your contract number(s), and nature of your company's services that are on contract:**

Currently pursuing a TXMAS contract based on SRA's GSA MOBIS Contract No. GS-23F-9806H.  
IT Services also available through SRA's GSA IT-70 Schedule, Contract No. GS-35F-4594G.  
Letters of recommendation and additional qualifications can be provided upon request.

**Please indicate your company's hourly rate or rates (provide explanation, if required; limit response to 2 lines of text):**

Services and rate information: for MOBIS GSA - <http://www.sra-gsa.com/docs/GS-23F-9806H.pdf>; For IT-70 GSA, <http://www.sra-gsa.com/docs/GS-35F-4594G.pdf>. The average Touchstone rate will be approximately \$140/hour.

**Note: Completed and submitted forms will be forwarded to the Texas Councils of Governments (COGs). All purchasing decisions will be made by respective COGs at the COG level. Whether COGs buy off of existing contracts (or elect to do their own competitive bidding process) is at the discretion of the respective COGs.**

**It is anticipated that the deadline for developing and submitting RICPs and Communications SOPs will be extended by the TxRC to 12/15/09 (December 15, 2009.)**