



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

COURT ORDER NUMBER 145620
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DATE: 8/5/2025

**SUBJECT: BID NO. F2025128 - ANNUAL CONTRACT FOR RIFLES - COUNTYWIDE
- VARIOUS VENDORS - PER UNIT PRICE**

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court award Bid No. F2025128, Annual Contract for Rifles, Countywide, to the following vendors at the per unit price:

Primary	Proforce Marketing, Inc, d/b/a Proforce Law Enforcement	2 of 5 Items
	TRIARC Systems, LLC	2 of 5 Items
	G T Distributors, Inc.	1 of 5 Items
Secondary	TRIARC Systems, LLC	2 of 5 Items
	CMC Government Supply	1 of 5 Items
	G T Distributors, Inc.	1 of 5 Items
Alternate	Clyde Armory, Inc.	1 of 5 Items
	CMC Government Supply	1 of 5 Items

BACKGROUND

Notice of the County’s intent to bid was advertised in a local newspaper, as required by State statute, and posted on the Internet, the Arlington Black Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce, and the Tarrant County Asian American Chamber of Commerce. Three hundred thirty-three (333) vendors were contacted and requested to participate in this bid process. All documents pertaining to this bid were posted on the Tarrant County website and were downloaded by interested bidders. A pre-bid conference held on April 30, 2025, was attended by four (4) vendors as well as representatives from the Sheriff’s Office and Purchasing. Ten (10) bids and three (3) no-bids were received.

Bids were evaluated by the Sheriff’s Office and Purchasing representatives. Award recommendations are to the low bids meeting specifications.

The response from WMD Guns, LLC was deemed non-responsive because the vendor sample had a trigger failure during testing.

SUBMITTED BY	Purchasing	PREPARED BY:	Niki Jones
		APPROVED BY:	Christopher Lax, CPSM, CPSD, CPCP



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The bid received from BCI Services, Inc. did not meet specifications for item 1 because the offered barrel is chrome lined, not NP3 coated, and the handguard is clamping style design, not M-LOK Wedge Lock design, as required. The bid also did not meet specifications for Item 2 because caliber is .223 Rem./5.5mm NATO, not .300 blackout, and the offered barrel is 9", not 8.3" long as required.

BOTACH INC withdrew their bid submission. There are no secondary awards for Items 1 and 2 because only one (1) vendor responded.

The term of the contract is twelve (12) months, effective August 5, 2025, with two (2) options for renewal periods of twelve (12) months each.

This contract is for custom rifles, suppressors, and optics for law enforcement including the Sheriff's Office and Constable Precincts.

Therefore, it is the joint recommendation of the Sheriff's Office and Purchasing that Bid No. F2025128, Annual Contract for Rifles, be awarded to the vendors listed above at the per unit price.

FISCAL IMPACT

Expenses for the last twelve (12) months were \$54,409.80. The departments have requested capital funding for FY 2026.

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P - Primary Award		Botach Inc. Las Vegas, NV HUB - No CO-OP - Yes		Clyde Armory, Inc. Athens, GA HUB - No CO-OP - Yes		Gunfighter Supply, LLC d/b/a Gunfighter Supply Krum, TX HUB - Yes CO-OP - Yes		Proforce Marketing, Inc d/b/a Proforce Law Enforcement Prescott, AZ HUB - No CO-OP - Yes			
Line #	Description	QTY	UOM	Unit	Extended	Unit	Extended	Unit	Extended		
1	Rifle 1	70	EA	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid		
2	Rifle 2	12	EA	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid		
3	Optic 1	70	EA	No Bid	No Bid	A \$423.75	\$29,662.50	\$435.00	\$30,450.00		
4	Optic 2	12	EA	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid		
5	Suppressor	12	EA	* \$1,050.00	\$12,600.00	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid		
P - Primary Award				CMC Government Supply Dallas, TX HUB - No CO-OP - Yes		G T Distributors, Inc. Pflugerville, TX HUB - No CO-OP - Yes		WMD Guns, LLC Stuart, FL HUB - No		Lantac-USA Fort Worth, TX HUB - No	
S - Secondary Award											
A - Alternate Award											
Line #	Description	QTY	UOM	Unit	Extended	Unit	Extended	Unit	Extended		
1	Rifle 1	70	EA	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	* \$1,059.00	\$74,130.00		
2	Rifle 2	12	EA	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid		
3	Optic 1	70	EA	S \$418.95	\$29,326.50	P \$410.00	\$28,700.00	No Bid	No Bid		
4	Optic 2	12	EA	A \$539.71	\$6,476.52	\$815.00	\$9,780.00	No Bid	No Bid		
5	Suppressor	12	EA	\$1,168.89	\$14,026.68	\$991.00	\$11,892.00	No Bid	No Bid		
P - Primary Award				BCI Services, Inc. Conroe, TX HUB - Yes		Triarc Systems, LLC Mansfield, TX HUB - No CO-OP - Yes					
S - Secondary Award											
A - Alternate Award											
Line #	Description	QTY	UOM	Unit	Extended	Unit	Extended	Unit	Extended		
1	Rifle 1	70	EA	* \$1,885.00	\$131,950.00	P \$1,756.20	\$122,934.00				
2	Rifle 2	12	EA	* \$2,016.00	\$24,192.00	P \$1,959.00	\$23,508.00				
3	Optic 1	70	EA	No Bid	No Bid	\$490.00	\$34,300.00				
4	Optic 2	12	EA	No Bid	No Bid	S \$490.00	\$5,880.00				
5	Suppressor	12	EA	No Bid	No Bid	\$1,185.00	\$14,220.00				

*The response from WMD Guns, LLC deemed non-responsive because sample failed testing conducted by Sheriff's Office for trigger failure.

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Note: No Bids received from J. Reynolds & Co., A Tecta America Company, Texas Pipeline Services, and CTC Gunworks, LLC.

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Report Date: Friday, June 13, 2025

On Friday, June 6, 2025, I, Deputy M. Nelson #71427, the Rangemaster for the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office, tested a demo firearm that was received from WMD Guns in response to a submission for IFB #F2025128. The firearm, a 16" AR-15 Semi-automatic Patrol Rifle, Model: BEAST, Serial Number: WMDP-1357, chambered in 5.56 NATO, was submitted for testing and evaluation to verify that all specifications stated in the above mentioned bid had been met. It should be noted that I have received a Basic and Advanced M16/M4/AR-15 Armorer Certification from Instructor Ken Elmore with Specialized Armament. Ken Elmore, a retired Sergeant with the U.S. Army (1986-1990), Engineer for Specialized Armament (1990-present), and Instructor for Colt Defense (1997-2007), has been recognized as a "Subject Matter Expert" in his fields and provided 40 hours of formal TCOLE training to a class of law enforcement professionals that I attended and successfully completed.

On this same date, the rifle was taken to the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office Firing Range to zero the rifle and ran several courses of fire to ensure there were no defects in the rifle's performance. The rifle was initially zeroed at 25 yards with a 2.5" drop and then taken back to 50 yards for a final zero. Zeroing the rifle took a total of 20 rounds of Federal Tactical Bonded 223 Rem. 62 grain ammunition to achieve an acceptable zero. After zeroing in the rifle, I conducted several drills that are common for both training and real world applications. Exactly 300 rounds were utilized for these drills. During said drills, on three occasions, a stall in the trigger could be felt and brought to my attention that a full breakdown of the firearm was needed to verify all parts were in working order along with verifying that there were no gas leaks coming from the gas block. At the conclusion of the drills, a second zero with the firearm was conducted and no discrepancies were noted.

Later, on this same date, I thoroughly went through the above firearm and verified that parts were still intact and in working order. To do this, the Upper and Lower Receivers were separated and evaluated individually. I conducted a detailed inspection of the Fire Control System which consists of the following 4 main parts/assemblies: Trigger, Hammer Assembly, Disconnecter, and Selector Switch. It should be noted that this does not include the smaller parts such as pins and springs. To better understand the function of these parts, the following is a detailed description of what a normal working fire control system does during operation:

As the Trigger is pulled, the Hammer is released from the Sear, the Hammer Spring drives the Hammer forward to strike the Firing Pin, causing the Firing Pin to strike the Primer of the ammunition. The ammunition ignites causing the firing of the weapon and the cycle of operation. The gases of the ignited cartridge blow back through the Gas Tube and into the Bolt Carrier Key, forcing it to the rear. As the Bolt Carrier comes back, it returns the Hammer to the cocked position and stays held back by the Disconnecter. Releasing the Trigger, releases the Hammer from the Disconnecter, and Trigger Sear assumes control of the

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Hammer, readying the Fire Control System for another pull of the Trigger.

As a basic weapon inspection to verify these parts are working properly, two methods of operation can be conducted. The first and easiest, is simply simulating the action of the rifle by conducting the following steps:

1. Selector Switch on Safe.

- a. Pull back the Charging Handle and release.
- b. Rotate the Selector (Safety) to SAFE (pointing forward).
- c. Pull the trigger hard
- d. Trigger should move slightly (and may or may not move back)
- e. THE HAMMER SHOULD NOT FALL

2. Selector Switch on Semi-Automatic or often labeled "Fire."

- a. Rotate the Selector to SEMI (pointing straight up).
- b. Pull the trigger AND HOLD.
- c. A loud "SNAP" should be heard as the Hammer strikes the Firing Pin.
- d. HOLD THE TRIGGER PULLED.
- e. Pull back the Charging Handle and release.
- f. Slowly begin to release the Trigger.
- g. A dull metallic "THUD" should be heard as the Hammer resets.
- h. WARNING: LISTEN CLOSELY FOR "SNAP." VERY DANGEROUS!
 - i. Indicates the hammer went forward, when it was not supposed to.
- i. Pull the trigger.
- j. A loud "SNAP" should be heard as the Hammer strikes the Firing Pin.

The second, and best, way to see the internal part of the Fire Control System is to remove the Upper and Lower Receiver and conduct the above steps but instead of pulling back the Charging Handle (Step E), simply press back the Hammer and verify that the Disconnecter has been engaged. Then proceed with the remaining steps outlined and ensure all parts are working properly.

In conducting this standardized test, the rifle mentioned above, on several occasions, **did not reset**. The Hammer remained engaged with the Disconnecter, and **did not** contact the Sear Engagement Surface, until the Trigger was **jostled** and then it released, allowing the Hammer Cocking Serration (or Cocking Notch) to contact the Sear Surface to complete the order of operation in the Fire Control System. **This malfunction is known as a "Fail to Reset" or "Dead Trigger."**

As mentioned above, a **"Dead Trigger"** in an AR-15 refers to a situation where pulling the Trigger does not result in the Hammer striking the Firing Pin, effectively preventing the firearm from firing. This issue can arise due to various mechanical failures within the Fire Control Group, including problems with the Disconnecter, Disconnecter Spring, Hammer, Trigger Springs, or parts being out of specifications. Other potential causes include burrs on the Disconnecter or Hammer Hook. This process of inspecting the Fire Control System by manipulating the hammer to the rear and finding the issue was documented in a video for further examination and is available upon request.

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In conclusion, the inspection of the above mentioned firearm, the findings of the **“Dead Trigger,”** for obvious reasons, is a huge officer safety issue and could result in the weapon not firing in a deadly force situation. With the above findings, I immediately notified my chain of command and brought it to their attention for further review.

Later, on this same date, a conference call was established between purchasing, WMD Guns company owners, TCSO Administration, and me to discuss the demo rifle we were sent. Amongst several issues that were discussed, the **“Dead Trigger”** issue was presented in the conversation. The owners of WMD Guns stated that if this problem were to arise in the future with our patrol rifles, we could fix this issue by simply **“grinding down the parts.”** This was noted and later discussed in a private meeting without the vendor's present. Modifying parts and applying heat in the process is unacceptable and could result in the gun having more issues. As an advanced armorer in this platform, at no point in my training have I ever been directed to remove metal that could change the Rockwall rating (HRC) of a part. This action falls more under gunsmithing and not an armorer. More importantly, most manufacturers would not support these actions, void the warranty, or separate themselves if a catastrophic failure occurred and resulted in serious bodily injury or death.

A firearm with faulty parts is a serious liability in law enforcement, where reliability and precision are paramount. Officers depend on their weapons to function flawlessly in life-threatening situations, and even the slightest mechanical failure could mean the difference between protecting the public and putting lives at risk. A faulty trigger, inconsistent firing mechanism, or compromised safety features can lead to catastrophic malfunctions, including misfires, unintended discharges, or complete failure to fire when needed. Beyond operational concerns, defective firearms erode trust between officers and their equipment, introducing hesitation and uncertainty in critical moments. The responsibility of carrying a weapon demands absolute confidence in its integrity, making faulty firearms unacceptable in law enforcement operations.

No further information.

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To: Niki Jones, Senior Buyer

From: Captain Jessica Brittain

Subject: IFB #F2025128 – Annual Contract for Rifles

Date: June 16, 2025

This letter is regarding the award for IFB # F2025128, Annual Contract for Rifles. We recommend following be awarded this Bid.

Primary Award:

Item 1	Triarc Systems, LLC
Item 2	Triarc Systems, LLC
Item 3	G T Distributors, Inc.
Item 4	Proforce Marketing, Inc d/b/a Proforce Law Enforcement
Item 5	Proforce Marketing, Inc d/b/a Proforce Law Enforcement

Secondary Award:

Item 3	CMC Government Supply
Item 4	Triarc Systems, LLC
Item 5	G T Distributors, Inc.

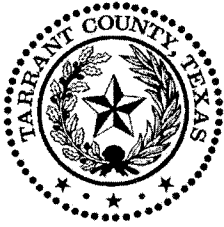
Alternate Award:

Item 3	Clyde Armory, Inc.
Item 4	CMC Government Supply

Respectfully,

Captain J. Brittain

Captain Jessica Brittain



TAKINGS IMPACT ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

Complete this form for any county action that involves the adoption of a regulation, policy, guideline, court resolution, or order.

Project/Regulation Name: Bid No. F2025128 - Annual Contract for Rifles - Countywide - Various Vendors - Per Unit Price

County Department: PURCHASING

Contact Person: Melissa Lee, C.P.M., A.P.P.

Phone Number for Contact Person: (817) 884-3245

Type of TIA Performed: SHORT TIA or FULL TIA. Circle one after answering the questions in Sections II and III below.

I. Stated Purpose

Attach to this checklist an explanation of the purpose of the regulation, policy, guideline, court resolution, or order.

Note: The remainder of this Takings Impact Assessment Checklist should be completed in consultation with the Criminal District Attorney's Office.

II. Potential Effect on Private Real Property

1. Does the county action require a physical invasion, occupation, or dedication of real property?

Yes _____ No √

2. Does the county action limit or restrict a real property right, even partially, or temporarily?

Yes _____ No √

If you answered yes to either question, go to Section III. If you answered no to both, STOP HERE and circle SHORT TIA at the top of the form.
