



Jose Rodriguez <jose.rodriguez@hidalgo.org>

Re: ACTION REQUIRED: 2026 TX LESO Program Renewal – Deadline May 29, 2026

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Robert Vina <robert.vina@da.co.hidalgo.tx.us> Thu, Apr 30, 2026 at 11:41 AM

To: Jose Rodriguez <jose.rodriguez@hidalgo.org>
Cc: Myra Montoya <myra.montoya@hidalgo.org>, Michelle Lopez <michelle.lopez@da.co.hidalgo.tx.us>, Juan Garza <tony.garza@hidalgo.org>, Enrique Longoria <enrique.longoria@hidalgo.org>, "Victor M. Garza" <victor.garza@da.co.hidalgo.tx.us>

Good Morning Mr. Rodriguez,
This office has no questions or concerns regarding the Application for participation for the 2026 Texas LESO program.

Respectfully,
Robert Viña III
Chief Assistant District Attorney
County Affairs Division
Hidalgo County Criminal District Attorney's Office
Toribio "Terry" Palacios
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On Thu, Apr 30, 2026 at 11:19 AM Jose Rodriguez <jose.rodriguez@hidalgo.org> wrote:
Following up on the request below.

Respectfully,
Jose L Rodriguez
Program Manager I
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On Wed, Apr 22, 2026 at 8:10 AM Jose Rodriguez <jose.rodriguez@hidalgo.org> wrote:
Attached is the agreement with the requested corrections.

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On Tue, Apr 21, 2026 at 1:17 PM Robert Vina <robert.vina@da.co.hidalgo.tx.us> wrote:
Good Afternoon Mr. Rodriguez,
Please correct the follwong two items and then return for final legal review:

- 1. ralph madrigal's email address is misspelled in section 1; and
- 2. Eduardo is misspelled on the Signature page.

Respectfully,
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On Mon, Apr 20, 2026 at 10:14 AM Jose Rodriguez <jose.rodriguez@hidalgo.org> wrote:
Good morning Robert,

We are requesting legal review for the attached application for participation for the 2026 Texas LESO program.

Our agency will be presenting this item to CC at the meeting being held on 05/12/2026

Respectfully,
Jose L Rodriguez
Program Manager I
Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office

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From: **Ralph Madrigal** <ralph.madrigal@hidalgoso.org>
Date: Mon, Apr 20, 2026 at 9:30 AM
Subject: Re: ACTION REQUIRED: 2026 TX LESO Program Renewal – Deadline May 29, 2026
To: Jose Rodriguez <jose.rodriquez@hidalgoso.org>
Cc: Projects <projects@hidalgoso.org>

Thank you

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Administration Division
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Cell-956-289-0426

On Mon, Apr 20, 2026 at 9:29 AM Jose Rodriguez <jose.rodriquez@hidalgoso.org> wrote:

I will start the process to present it to CC.

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Joe, can you help me with this? I'll be out all week with my wifes surgery.

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From: **TX LESO Program** <TXLESOProgram@dps.texas.gov>

Date: Mon, Apr 20, 2026 at 9:12 AM

Subject: ACTION REQUIRED: 2026 TX LESO Program Renewal – Deadline May 29, 2026

To: TX LESO Program <TXLESOProgram@dps.texas.gov>

CC: jack.curd@co.archer.tx.us <jack.curd@co.archer.tx.us>, c.mink@cityofarptx.net <c.mink@cityofarptx.net>, grestelle@atlantatexas.org <grestelle@atlantatexas.org>, mattw@austincountyso.org <mattw@austincountyso.org>, ryan.nichols@austintexas.gov <ryan.nichols@austintexas.gov>, robert.williams@co.bastrop.tx.us <robert.williams@co.bastrop.tx.us>, cchavez@cityofbastrop.org <cchavez@cityofbastrop.org>, jason.plunkett@beaumonttexas.gov <jason.plunkett@beaumonttexas.gov>, rcooper@benbrook-tx.gov <rcooper@benbrook-tx.gov>, kvolk@cityofbertram.org <kvolk@cityofbertram.org>, ltelchik@bigspringpd.net <ltelchik@bigspringpd.net>, sperez@boerne-tx.gov <sperez@boerne-tx.gov>, wrivas@bosquesheriff.com <wrivas@bosquesheriff.com>, ghouse@brazoscountytexas.gov <ghouse@brazoscountytexas.gov>, jwalker@breckenridgetx.gov <jwalker@breckenridgetx.gov>, tjohnson@cityofbrenham.org <tjohnson@cityofbrenham.org>, daniel.rodriquez@brownsvilletx.gov <daniel.rodriquez@brownsvilletx.gov>, ekading@brownwoodtexas.gov <ekading@brownwoodtexas.gov>, sculp@burkburnett.org <sculp@burkburnett.org>, lray@outlook.com <lray@outlook.com>, kirk.kuykendoll@co.caldwell.tx.us <kirk.kuykendoll@co.caldwell.tx.us>, 1744-loer@calvertcity.org <1744-loer@calvertcity.org>, merced.burnias@co.cameron.tx.us <merced.burnias@co.cameron.tx.us>, julian.longoria@co.cameron.tx.us <julian.longoria@co.cameron.tx.us>, rking@centertexas.org <rking@centertexas.org>, dwebster@chamberstx.gov <dwebster@chamberstx.gov>, mpepin@cocherokee.org <mpepin@cocherokee.org>, kirk.horton@co.clay.tx.us <kirk.horton@co.clay.tx.us>, kasey.cowell@cleburne.net <kasey.cowell@cleburne.net>, andrew.weido@co.colorado.tx.us <andrew.weido@co.colorado.tx.us>, guerrm@co.comal.tx.us <guerrm@co.comal.tx.us>, fernando.morado@co.crane.tx.us <fernando.morado@co.crane.tx.us>, flara@crosbycoso.org <flara@crosbycoso.org>, eric.wesley@dallascounty.org <eric.wesley@dallascounty.org>, hsmith2@cityofdelrio.com <hsmith2@cityofdelrio.com>, csteward@deltacountysheriff.org <csteward@deltacountysheriff.org>, todd.eubanks@dentoncounty.gov <todd.eubanks@dentoncounty.gov>, dlyons@desototexas.gov <dlyons@desototexas.gov>, Little, Michael G <Michael.Little@dps.texas.gov>, chancey.westfall@ectorcountyisd.org <chancey.westfall@ectorcountyisd.org>, mleal@cityofedcouch.org <mleal@cityofedcouch.org>, john.morrison@edgewoodtexas.org <john.morrison@edgewoodtexas.org>, antonio.carrizalez@ecisd.us <antonio.carrizalez@ecisd.us>, prodriguezjr@cityofedinburg.com <prodriguezjr@cityofedinburg.com>, 2989@elpasotexas.gov <2989@elpasotexas.gov>, craig.hodgkins@cityofelectra.com <craig.hodgkins@cityofelectra.com>, rcano@cityofelsa.net <rcano@cityofelsa.net>, pestrada@cityofescobares.net <pestrada@cityofescobares.net>, jose.green@flowermound.gov <jose.green@flowermound.gov>, eric.fagan@fortbendcountytexas.gov <eric.fagan@fortbendcountytexas.gov>, derek.stratton@fortstockton.gov <derek.stratton@fortstockton.gov>, rolandoflores@freertx.us <rolandoflores@freertx.us>, ereyna@friendswood.com <ereyna@friendswood.com>, nbraly@fulsheartexas.gov <nbraly@fulsheartexas.gov>, wyatt.raley@georgetowntexas.gov <wyatt.raley@georgetowntexas.gov>, amoore@giddings.net <amoore@giddings.net>, bbullock@grahampd.com <bbullock@grahampd.com>, jbell@cityofgroesbeck.com <jbell@cityofgroesbeck.com>, wgreenwood@harkerheights.gov <wgreenwood@harkerheights.gov>, aalvear@harlingentx.gov <aalvear@harlingentx.gov>, bobby.thurman@cn3.hctx.net <bobby.thurman@cn3.hctx.net>, don.rayford@cn7.hctx.net <don.rayford@cn7.hctx.net>, kevin.stegint@sheriff.hctx.net <kevin.stegint@sheriff.hctx.net>, patrickc@co.harrison.tx.us <patrickc@co.harrison.tx.us>, steve.lucio@hayscountytexas.gov <steve.lucio@hayscountytexas.gov>, bbathke@henderson.tx.us <bbathke@henderson.tx.us>, jsifuentes2@hidtaskforce.us <jsifuentes2@hidtaskforce.us>, ralph.madrigal@hidalgo.org <ralph.madrigal@hidalgo.org>, twestmoreland@co.hill.tx.us <twestmoreland@co.hill.tx.us>, csparks@hillsborotx.org <csparks@hillsborotx.org>, slondon@hoodcounty.texas.gov <slondon@hoodcounty.texas.gov>, jberry@hoodcounty.texas.gov <jberry@hoodcounty.texas.gov>, sdavis@hopkinscountytexas.gov <sdavis@hopkinscountytexas.gov>, david.scales2@houston.tx.gov <david.scales2@houston.tx.gov>, rseals@huntcounty.net <rseals@huntcounty.net>, lschulz@huntsvilletx.gov <lschulz@huntsvilletx.gov>, fgarcia@cityofhutchins.org <fgarcia@cityofhutchins.org>, atrahan@hutchinsoncnty.com <atraham@hutchinsoncnty.com>, josh.bellenir@huttotx.gov <josh.bellenir@huttotx.gov>, ewilliams@cityofidalou.com <ewilliams@cityofidalou.com>, cnelson@italypd.org <cnelson@italypd.org>, gmccclaran@cityofitasca.net <gmccclaran@cityofitasca.net>, larry.pulliam@co.jasper.tx.us <larry.pulliam@co.jasper.tx.us>, jeff.chadney@jeffersoncountytexas.gov <jeff.chadney@jeffersoncountytexas.gov>

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To All Participating Agencies,

Please let this email serve as a formal notice to renew your applications for continued enrollment in the Texas LESO Program. All agencies must have a current application on file to maintain enrollment and remain eligible to request or possess Department of Defense (DoD) equipment.

Important Point of Contact (POC) Update

If you are no longer the POC for this program, please forward this email to your replacement immediately to ensure your agency meets the deadline.

Submission Details & Deadline

- **Deadline:** All applications must be submitted by **5:00 PM on Friday, May 29, 2026.**
- **Application Link:** [TX LESO Application Packet](#). (Please use this version only).

- **How to Submit:** Email your completed packet to txlesoprogram@dps.texas.gov or reply to this email with your attachment.

Early Submission Encouraged!

While the renewal window is 2 months, we strongly encourage you to submit your packet as early as possible. This ensures faster processing and helps our office manage the high volume of renewals more efficiently. If you encounter any issues, notify us immediately so we have sufficient time to assist your agency before the deadline.

Required Signatures

The packet consists of a two-part, 14-page document.

Please follow these signature requirements for each section:

Part 1 Application (Pages 1-2) Must be signed by the Chief Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO) or an Authorized Interim.

Part 2 State Plan of Operation (SPO) (Pages 3-14) Must be signed by both the CLEO and the Civilian Governing Body (CGB):

- **City Entities:** Chief + Mayor, City Manager, City Administrator.
- **County Entities:** Sheriff/Constable + County Judge or Authorized Commissioner.
- **K-12 Agencies:** Chief of Police + Superintendent.
- **Higher Education:** Chief/Director of Public Safety + Board of Regents or President.
- **State Agencies:** Contact our office if you are unsure who must sign as the CGB.

***Note on SPO Date:** The 2024 signature date from the State Coordinator is correct. It signifies the formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the State of Texas and the Federal LESO Program. This date confirms the state's authorization to participate and **must not be altered**.

Critical Reminders

- **ORI Number:** Please ensure you enter your full Originating Agency Identifier, including the "TX" prefix, and that your agency's information on your TCIC/NCIC sheet matches the information provided on the application.
- **Officer Count:** Enter the number of officers authorized under your budget, even if it exceeds your current active strength. Please ensure both the Full-Time and Part-Time fields are filled out (enter "0" if applicable) to avoid processing delays.
- **RTD Screeners:** Please list Screeners in order of contact, rather than by rank. This ensures our office knows exactly who to contact at your agency for this program.

- **Email Addresses:** LESO will reject applications that use generic email addresses (e.g., chief@citypd.org). Screeners must use unique, individual email addresses.
- **Interim Officials:** If the CLEO is an Interim, include a memorandum signed by the CGB authorizing their signature authority. If both the CLEO and AO are interim, contact us for instructions.

Follow-Up Schedule

To ensure all agencies meet the **May 29** deadline, our office will follow this schedule:

- **First 2 weeks:** Open submission period (no reminders sent).
- **Weeks 3-7:** Weekly status emails sent every Monday to outstanding LEAs.
- **Final Phase: Remaining LEAs with incomplete applications will receive direct calls to their leadership (CLEO/CGB) to ensure all documentation is finalized before the program cutoff. Please do not let it get to this point.**

We appreciate your continued partnership and look forward to working with you this year.

Best Regards,

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