**Request For Proposal**

The City of New Braunfels was founded in 1845 and at that time, the Beschutzen (protector) was John O. Meusebach.. The City appointed Bruno Merz as the first police chief in 1930. The population was approximately 8,000. He had two assistants and three night security people. The police department today has over 124 full-time employees, 98 of these being commissioned peace officers and 16 civilian communications officers. They deal with a population of over 60,000 residents and several thousand visitors on a good weekend in spring, summer or early fall months during the year. The city now covers over 53 square miles in two counties, Comal and Guadalupe, and the future shows us to be a rapidly growing area.

Along with the growth of the city, we have experienced an increase in volume in all areas of our police department to include Class C Misdemeanor offenses that are processed through the New Braunfels Municipal Court. Class C Misdemeanors typically have a fine amount that is assessed according to the particular offense or offenses that have been committed. Offenders who fail to pay the fines that have been assessed by the court will be issued a warrant for their arrest. There is a large number of warrants that have been generated over the last few years that remain unserved to include approximately 1200 warrants that are local residents. Our current unserved warrants represent approximately 4 million dollars in unpaid fines.

The New Braunfels Police Department is excited to partner with the Texas State University undergraduate GIS students to create a tool to visualize active municipal warrants by using a geoprocessing tool to regularly create updated maps of active warrants from a list provided in tables by the New Braunfels Municipal Court. This mapping project will:

1. Allow officers to proactively contact individuals with outstanding warrants while on their routine patrols.
2. Increase officer safety by alerting our officers and dispatchers to potential safety issues when dealing with in progress calls that are received from the public.
3. Assist in planning routes and strategy for warrant round up events.
4. Increase overall efficiency within the warrant service process.

Specific expectations regarding a project timeline for the receipt of proposals, status updates, student team presentations, and final deliverables, will be set forth by the professor for the class in the syllabus. The city expects the agreed upon academic timeline communicated promptly to city staff once established.

TheCity of New Braunfels Police Department shall be the primary entity within the City for which the project is completed. However, it is expected that the project when completed, will be communicated with other City departments. We look forward to working with you on this very important project. Staff contacts will be as follows:

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