Texas Government Code § [2054.52002](https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/GV/htm/GV.2054.htm#2054.52002) authorized the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) to establish the Texas Volunteer Incident Response Team (VIRT) to provide rapid incident response assistance to participating entities impacted by a cybersecurity incident.

The Texas VIRT is seeking qualified incident response practitioners with expertise in addressing cybersecurity events/incidents to apply for membership on the Texas VIRT.

Additional information about the qualifications, process, and requirements for membership can be found at the DIR website in the Texas VIRT Business Handbook. Members of the VIRT may have the opportunity to deploy across the state or support locally in response to major cybersecurity disasters

Those interested in applying for membership are encouraged to complete the application below and email it to TexasVIRT@dir.texas.gov.

**Personal Information**

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| Full Name: Click or tap here to enter text. | Occupation: Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Phone Number: Click or tap here to enter text. | Mobile Number: Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Email Address: Click or tap here to enter text. | City of Residence: Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Company/Organization: Click or tap here to enter text. |

**Education and Background**

Highest Academic Level Completed:

[ ]  High School/GED [ ]  Some College [ ]  Technical School [ ]  Associate Degree [ ]  Undergraduate [ ]  Graduate Level or Higher

Field of Study: Click or tap here to enter text.

Institution: Click or tap here to enter text. Year Degree Received: Click or tap here to enter text.

Professional Certificates Held: Check all that apply and list additional certification if appropriate.

| Certificate | Certification #/Expiration Date |
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| [ ]  | Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH) | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| [ ]  | GAIC Certified Incident Handler (GCIH) | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| [ ]  | GCFE Certified Forensic Examiner (GAIC) | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| [ ]  | GIAC Security Essentials Certification (GSEC) | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| [ ]  | Certified Information Security Manager (CISM) | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| [ ]  | CyberSec First Responder (CFR) | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| [ ]  | Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| [ ]  | Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) Certified | Click or tap here to enter text. |
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 **Application Narrative**

Members of the Texas VIRT must possess expertise in addressing cybersecurity events or incidents. Briefly describe your cybersecurity incident response experience. You may also include a resume for additional context. (1,000-character max)

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Please include relevant professional references.

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|  | Reference #1 | Reference #2 | Reference #3 |
| Name | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. |
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| Email | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Relation | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. |

Briefly describe why you wish to serve on the Texas VIRT. (500-character max)

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**Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSAs)**

Do you have knowledge in any of the following systems or technologies? If you select yes to any item, please feel free to elaborate.

| Function | Details | Years of Experience |
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| [ ]  | Firewall Configuration & Rules | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| [ ]  | Intrusion Detection and Prevention Systems | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| [ ]  | Networking Devices and Configuration | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| [ ]  | Cloud Security Tools and Administration: (AWS, Azure, Google Cloud, etc.) | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| [ ]  | Virtual Machines (VM) | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| [ ]  | Application Security | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| [ ]  | Log Analysis (SIEM) | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| [ ]  | Forensic Imaging/ Memory Capture | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| [ ]  | Desktop and Server Support | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| [ ]  | Root Cause Analysis | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| [ ]  | OS Deployment/Recovery | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| [ ]  | Active Directory/group policies | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| [ ]  | Incident Handling | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| [ ]  | Public Speaking | Click or tap here to enter text. | Click or tap here to enter text. |
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Are there any additional KSAs you would like to share?

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**Membership Requirements and Administrative Considerations**

By checking each item, you indicate that you agree with the following statements. If there are questions or concerns with a statement, please contact DIR by email at TexasVIRT@dir.texas.gov.

[ ]  This is only an application for membership on the Texas VIRT, which will be reviewed by department staff, subject to the process described in the VIRT Program Handbook.

[ ]  Texas VIRT volunteers are not considered agents of the state of Texas.

[ ]  Volunteers are bound to a VIRT non-disclosure agreement.

[ ]  Volunteers will avoid conflicts of interest/appearance of impropriety that might arise from a VIRT deployment.

[ ]  I have reviewed the volunteer application processes and considerations outlined in the Texas VIRT business manual.

**Application Submission**

Thank you for your interest in membership on the Texas VIRT. Please complete, sign, and date this application and return to TexasVIRT@dir.texas.gov.

Applicants may attach a resume or other supporting documentation to this application submission.

Texas Government Code Section 2054.52004 gives DIR sole discretion to determine whether an individual is qualified to serve as a volunteer. I certify that the information I have submitted is true and complete. I understand that knowingly submitting information that is not true and complete may result in disqualification from VIRT membership.

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| Signature: |  |

Full Name: Click or tap here to enter text. Date: Click or tap to enter a date.

**Privacy Considerations**

Personal contact information and associated details provided on this application are protected from public disclosure by Texas Government Code Section 2045.52010.