

TRIUMPH GULF COAST, INC. PRE-APPLICATION FORM

Name of Individual/Entity/Organization: **Range Project LLC**

Brief Description of Background of Individual/Entity/Organization:

Range Project is a Veteran's Networking/Hiring Platform and Gun Club. It is the premier location for transitioning SOF veterans looking for face-to-face opportunities with future employers. It is the first of its kind and offers a networking platform that cuts through the red tape, putting our nation's top professionals side-by-side with our nation's top employers. Range Project is the future of how employers will find and hire veterans. RP is the complete networking/hiring platform that brings veterans directly to the handshake of employers. No more guesswork. No more 6-month job hunt without income. We are the bridge. Come meet our nation's top talent face-to-face, and spend some time getting to know them.

Range Project is also the premier training venue for all military and law enforcement units, supporting the entire breadth of operational training necessities. It is to be largest veteran owned and operated training platform in the country. The "Special Operations Forces experience", for the first time ever, brings together our community, our employers, and our nation's most elite military members. Envision an ecosystem of weapons handling/certification and safety courses for military, law enforcement, and civilians alike. Range Project will be the first, all-inclusive platform where veterans, employers, vacationers, and active duty military and law enforcement can come together for an honest inside look into the other side. Regardless of experience, ability or economic status, Range Project will be a welcoming atmosphere and an opportunity to build relationships and enjoy an outdoor alternative to our beaches. Our ultimate goal is to bring together veterans, families, locals, vacationers, active duty military and law enforcement and provide a safe, outdoor shooting experience unlike any other location in the United States.

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Executive Bios:

Brandon Graves, Co-Founder

Native to Tallahassee, Florida, Brandon Graves is a husband, father, veteran, and entrepreneur. A former All-American left-handed pitcher and Major League Baseball draft pick of the World Series Champion San Francisco Giants, he's also a veteran of the US Army's 7th Special Forces Group and former Green Beret. Brandon holds a Master of Science degree from Valdosta State University and is a certified NRA Instructor and Range Safety Officer. He is currently focused on driving the funding, execution, partnerships, and marketing for the Range Project.

Brendan Souder, Co-Founder

Brendan Souder is an active duty military member that has worked in the Special Operations field for over 16 years in the US Army. He has served in the 75th Ranger Regiment and 7th Special Forces Group and currently competes in multiple disciplines of sports action shooting competitions internationally. Brendan is a certified NRA instructor and Range Safety Officer. He currently offers private classes on a myriad of skills to the general public. Additionally, Brendan has planned and executed multiple multi-million-dollar initiatives/projects during his career as a Special Forces Soldier.

Scott Kirby, Co-Founder

Scott Kirby has over 20 years in the construction industry. He started at the age of 15 and began to work his way up to the title of General Contractor. As a Project Manager and business owner, he has overseen all phases of the construction process of both residential and commercial multi-million-dollar projects. Scott takes great pride in his communication and problem-solving abilities. He has learned from a multitude of life experiences which also include six years of minor league baseball. Scott is a certified NRA instructor and is beginning his sports shooting endeavor in conjunction with the Range Project team's facility construction initiative.

Names of co-applicants, partners or other entities in Range Project include Derbyshire Group.

RANGE PROJECT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Real Network

Range Project is an opportunity to empower its members, our military, and law enforcement in the use and responsibilities of weapons handling. Each year, hundreds of active duty military members exit the armed forces. And each year, they sit through classes that are supposed to prepare them for the real world. In our experience, even the most highly trained and educated veterans still face challenges with gainful employment. The reality is that their network only exists on the inside. Most everyone they know is still an active duty member of the military, and their colleagues on the outside aren't in a position to hire them, yet. Range Project is ready to combat that. We believe it's not only what you know, but it's who you know. Our platform, and our business, offers an opportunity to bring together members of our federal contracting community directly with our departing veterans. Range Project is the meeting grounds for job seekers and companies looking for disciplined, competent, well-trained veterans. We are the mouthpiece, the funnel that actually does what it claims to do. No lectures. No classrooms. No mandatory outgoing classes. No week-long resume writing courses. Here, we shake hands. We eat lunch. We meet family members. We get to know each other. And, ultimately, we find work after life in the military. Our mission is to provide every opportunity for veterans, gun enthusiasts, local businesses, mothers, fathers, daughters and sons to come together to learn, practice, and build confidence within themselves and their capabilities.

Why Us?

Every year, decision makers across the military must decide on what type of training their soldiers need and at which location they'll receive the training. One factor that plays a very important role in where the training takes place is the surrounding area and what leisure activities are available. It's no secret we have some of the world's most beautiful beaches here in the panhandle of Florida. Range Project couldn't be in a better location for what military units are looking for in order to support their after-hours social activities. Special Operations units would love nothing more than to come here for 1-2-week training exercise and enjoy our community and beaches during the rest periods. Military units across the country are *waiting* for Range Project to open its doors. This area is a magnet for both active duty and veterans, for a multitude of reasons. To send soldiers here would not only benefit our community, it would send a nation-wide message that this area is the epicenter for military veterans and their families.

Location

Range Project is located on a 40-acre tract in close proximity to military bases, medical facilities, and educational institutions. We are in the epicenter of the boom that is coming to north Walton County. Located just 7 miles north of the Hwy 20/ Hwy 331 intersection, our strategic land purchase was no coincidence. We are 6 miles south of I-10. There are 21 military bases in the state of Florida and Northwest Florida is home to a significant concentration of Air Force and Navy installations, including Naval Air Station Pensacola, Naval Air Station Whiting Field, Naval Support Activity Panama City, Eglin Air Force Base, Hurlburt Field and Tyndall Air Force Base. It is also home to the Army's 7th Special Forces Group.

Phase One/ Timeline

Range Project LLC is currently under an operations contract with Derbyshire Group. Derbyshire Group owns the 40-acre parcel of land and has agreed to offer the purchase of the land to Range Project upon funding. The property already includes a rudimentary shooting range that has been in place for 18 years. Mr. Steve Mayew, formerly of the US Army's Special Operations, purchased, cleared and maintained the property for more than two decades. He recently agreed to sell the property to Derbyshire Group with the agreement of re-selling the property to Range Project LLC. The parcel shares an eastern property line with General Dynamics and includes an easement which places Range Project operations roughly 800 meters east of Highway 331. Range Project will begin development and construction upon completion and finalization of a major development order with the Walton County Planning Department. Range Project has extensive construction budgets, architectural design, range design, as well as land planning expertise. Range Project will create substantial construction jobs as well as high wage positions for retiring military and local gun enthusiasts.

From Interested Prospects to Engaged Members

In its first month, offering private memberships to paying customers, Range Project staff on-boarded, trained, and certified over 25 members. Proof of concept has been established. The following is a quick list of our customer base:

A. Special Operations units (including some of the most highly regarded agency teams) across the military and Department of Defense struggle within their own facilities to reserve and use shooting ranges and shoot houses. It takes weeks, sometimes months, to gain access to even the most basic ranges. By offering our live shoot house, multiple multipurpose bays, all weather/covered Astroturf bays, stress shoot/Obstacle course lanes, and long-distance lanes, Range Project acts as a high-demand alternative for military units who are unable to gain access to their own facilities. With a forecasted calendar out to 12 months, and a website that supports “click and reserve” services, the gap is filled.

B. Local law enforcement officers DO NOT have this platform. There is not a viable option for small unit tactics teams to train and develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). The Range Project will host law enforcement teams and individuals throughout the entire Southeastern Region and ultimately across the country.

C. Partner Nation is a term used for US International partners that work with USGOV/USMIL and are visiting our facilities to train and learn. The Range Project, again, is offered as the premier solution for all SOF units to host their Partner Nation colleagues during training and planning.

D. Competitive Shooting is one of the fastest growing sports in the US today. The Panhandle of Florida lacks a premier facility that can host these events near the tourist filled beaches and surrounding cities. Again, The Range Project will fill that gap. To compliment things, we are located 20-25 minutes from the fastest growing vacation spot in the United States.

E. Vacationers are in no short supply here along the Gulf Coast. As the nation’s fastest growing vacation spot, one thing we lack is an alternative to the beach on rainy days. Aside from golf cart rides and the beach, most families do not have an alternative to spending their time. Imagine their drive home as they reflect on their shooting experience after spending the day with a Special Forces Green Beret at The Range Project.

F. Locals are waiting for Range Project. Veteran Lodge LLC has purchased an 18-million-dollar lot to build a large Veterans Center just north of Range Project. Range Project will be working closely with Julie Connell Smith to help US Military Veterans in the area and provide companionship thru shooting activities at Range Project. There will be a reserved bay 365 days a year for any veteran from lodge.

Situated on 40 acres just outside of Eglin Air Force, Range Project offers a multitude of services. Owned and operated by Special Forces veterans, Range Project offers a unique look inside the world of SOF veterans entering the civilian/contractor world. Range Project plays host to myriad of customers, but most importantly we bring our men and women in uniform directly to employers:

Networking Platform

Transitioning SOF
Veterans of SOF
Employers of SOF
Veteran’s Lodge
Government Agencies
Non-profit Organizations

Local Community

Members
Local Law Enforcement
Women’s Classes
Private Lessons w/ SOF
Corporate Events
Outdoorsmen/Hunters

Seasonal Entertainment

Competition Shooters
Beach Vacationers
Summer Tourists
First-time Inquiries
Research and Development
Weapons & Ammo Marketing

Key Referral Sources and Support

Range Project has compiled ten letters of recommendation and support for our platform. We have verbal commitments of intended use by more than 20 military and law enforcement units. Range Project is on the forefront of what it means to bring veterans directly to the table with employers. We have the support of our local population and we offer the

best alternative to the beach for our vacationers (many of which travel here from conservative states and are supporters of the 2nd Amendment). We are the platform outside of the office that not only brings our community together, but also brings prosperity to our economy by way of jobs, education, training, and networking. Range Project founders and staff thank you for your time and consideration.

Total Project Cost: \$3,000,000