Lone Star Policies for Websites and Digital Data

Digital Privacy Policy

This policy, together with other documents, defines how we collect and process personal data we collect from you. At Lone Star, we want to protect and respect your privacy.

By visiting our websites or by filling out our forms, you are accepting and consenting to the practices described in these policies. You have a right to expect we will use your information for business purposes related to our interactions with each other. You have a right to expect we will protect your information, and that we won’t sell or share it with others, outside the business purposes we describe here.

Lone Star is not a registered EU or UK company, and generally does not fall under the guidelines of GDPR or similar laws and regulations. However, we believe most such regulations reflect common reasonable and common-sense principles, to which we generally adhere. Lone Star’s privacy policy should be understood, and will be enforced, in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. By visiting our website, or by filling out our forms, you agree to these laws and this venue. EU citizens are advised that you are sharing your data outside the EU if you send it to us in any way, and neither you, nor we are subject to GDPR when you share this information.

You waive any rights not conferred by this policy, or by Texas Law.

1. Information we collect from you; We will collect and process the following categories of data about you: Information you give us. This is information about you which you give us by filling in forms, interacting with the website or by corresponding with us by phone, e-mail or otherwise. It includes information you provide when you sign up to our newsletter service, make an enquiry about our products and services or log a support ticket.

The information you give us will include your name, address, e-mail address and phone number, as well as preliminary information about your business.

2. Information we collect about you: This is information we collect automatically about your visit during your time on the Site. It typically involves technical information and is often collected using small data files called “cookies”. This information helps us to provide you with a good experience when you browse the Site and also to indicate where the Site requires improvement.

3. Information we receive from other sources. This is information we receive about you if you use any of the other websites we operate. This policy applies to those sites as well as this one.

This also includes information we receive from third parties, such as business partners, sub-contractors in technical services, background investigations, advertising networks, analytics providers, search information providers and others. We may not always notify you when we receive information about you from them.

In all three cases, we (or third parties) store data in secure servers and cloud accounts. We will notify you if we become aware of a breach of our systems which might have included data about you.

Cookie and Analytics Policy
Our website uses cookies to distinguish you from other users of the website. This helps us to provide you with a good experience when you browse our website and helps us to improve the website.

By continuing to browse the website, you are agreeing to our use of cookies as set out by this policy, unless you act to block cookies.

Our website uses Google Analytics and other similar services to collect information about how visitors use our website.

1. **Information about cookies;** A cookie is a small file of letters and numbers which, if you agree to their use, is stored on your browser or the hard drive of your computer or device. They contain information which is transferred to your hard drive.

Cookies we may use include:

* **Necessary cookies.** These cookies are required for the operation of the website and security.

* **Analytical cookies.** These cookies allow us to recognize and count visitors to the website and to see how they are using it. This helps us to improve the way the website works.

* **Third party cookies.** Third parties (such as Google) may need these to enable their services like Captcha or Google Maps. Some third parties use their cookies for advertising purposes. We have no control over these cookies. You should see their privacy policy, where you may have the option to opt-out of their data collection.

2. **The cookies we use vary.** If you need to see our cookie names, please contact us.

3. **How you can block cookies;** You can block cookies by activating the setting on your browser which allows you to refuse the setting of all or some cookies. This may limit your ability to use the website.

**Social Media Platforms Policy**

We operate on several social media platforms. We do not control these platforms which are, in most cases, operated outside of the EU and do not comply with current Data Privacy Act or GDPR provisions although some conform to certain US, California, New York or Texas regulations.

If you send us personally identifiable data via these platforms, we have the right to use the data in the same manner described in this policy. Essentially, we treat this as if you had filled out one of our forms, or responded on our website.

**Other/General Policies**

1. **Uses made of the information;** All information about you which we collect or receive, whether of a personal or technical nature, may be used by us in these ways:

   - To carry out our obligations arising from any contracts between you and us and to provide you with the information, products and services you request from us;
   - To promote you if you are a supplier, subcontractor, or Subject Matter Expert we want to work with in support of our customers;
   - To comply with other lawful obligations including but not limited to regulatory obligations of our company.
• To comply with our record keeping and information storage obligations and policy;
• To provide you with information about other goods and services we, or our selected partners, offer which are similar or relevant to those which you have already purchased or enquired about, such contact will only be made by email or phone from which you can opt out at any time;
• To notify you about changes to our services;
• To administer the Site and for internal operations, including troubleshooting, system and security updates, data analysis, testing, research, statistical and survey purposes;
• To improve the Site to ensure content is presented in the most effective manner for you and for your computer;
• To allow you to participate in interactive features of our service, when you choose to do so;
• As part of our efforts to keep the Site safe and secure;
• To measure or understand the effectiveness of advertising we serve to you and others, and to deliver relevant advertising to you.

Information we receive from other sources. We will combine this information with information you give to us and information we collect about you. We will use this information and the combined information for the purposes set out above (depending on the types of information we receive).

2. Disclosure of your information; There are a few circumstances which may lead to your information being shared.

We may share your information with:

• Any member of our group, which means our subsidiaries, our ultimate holding company and its subsidiaries, or related entities.
• Business partners, customers, suppliers and sub-contractors for the performance of any contract we enter with them or you;
• Analytics and search engine providers who assist us in the improvement and optimization of the Site;
• Third party support services, such as, but not limited to project management tools, accounting systems and hosting data center.

We may disclose your personal information to third parties:

• If we sell or buy any business or assets, we may disclose your personal data to the prospective seller or buyer of such business or assets;
• If we, or substantially all of our assets, are acquired by a third party, in which case personal data held by us about our clients will be one of the transferred assets;
• If we are under a duty to disclose or share your personal data in order to comply with any legal obligation, or in order to enforce or apply our terms of use and other agreements; or
• To protect our rights, property or safety, or, those of your own, or those of our clients or others.

3. Where we store your personal data; Information you provide to us is stored on our, or our selected business partners’, servers. We will take reasonable steps to protect your information in accordance with this policy, including (without limitation):
• Installing a secure firewall;
• Using anti-virus protection software;
• Encrypting data; and
• Carrying out regular back-ups.

Any data sent via website forms may be passed through a third-party relay service. This may be retained in accordance with their (or our) retention policies. Unfortunately, the transmission of information via the internet is not completely secure. Although we will do our best to protect your personal data, we cannot guarantee the security of any data transmitted to the Site; and any such transmission is at your own risk. Once we have received your information, we will use strict procedures and security features to try to prevent unauthorized access.

4. Your other rights; In addition to other rights already described, you have the following rights with respect of your personal information:

• The right to be informed about the collection and use of your personal information which is completely fulfilled by our disclosures within this policy;
• The right to request inaccurate or incomplete information about you is corrected;
• The right to request that we restrict the use of your information;
• The right to obtain and reuse some information which we have about you for your own purposes as we deem reasonable;

Should you wish to exercise any of these rights, you may do so at any time by writing to us. In some cases, we may charge a small fee of no more than $500 to offset a portion of our administrative costs. We generally do not do this, and we do not charge any fee for responding to initial inquires. We may, under some circumstances waive a portion of this fee, although we are under no obligation to do so.

The website may, from time to time, contain links to and from the websites of our partner networks, advertisers and affiliates. If you follow a link to any of these websites, please note these websites have their own privacy policies and that we do not accept any responsibility or liability for these policies. Please check these policies before you submit any personal data to these websites.

5. Changes to our privacy policy; Any changes we make to our privacy policy in the future will be posted on this site. Please check back frequently to see any updates or change.