

# *REAL-COMP*

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## **Where does the data come from that is used to produce the quote letter?**

From time to time, agents are asked, or have asked this question. A typical letter response follows:

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Dear Inquiring Mind:

**REAL-COMP** provides public record data and proprietary software to produce the very accurate automated quote solicitation you received from an Insurance agent.

This agent received your call and request to know where the information was obtained that produces the quote letter, and they referred the request to us.

We derive property and ownership data used in the quote letter from the appropriate county Central Appraisal District. This agency has the responsibility to determine real property values for tax purposes, and therefore must collect and store specific information on each property in the county, including square footage, exterior wall type, exact location, ownership, lot information, values, etc. Any citizen may view any property record stored by the Appraisal District in person, or by viewing on the internet.

All of the information the Appraisal District's collect is considered *public record*, and is subject to release and use under the public record laws of the State of Texas. We acquire the data from them under the authority of these laws.

I trust this explanation satisfies your question. Should you have specific questions on what data elements are collected and how the data is gathered, you may wish to contact the Central Appraisal District in your county.

Sincerely,

George R. Vrba  
President