



2020 Tech Leader of the Year Award Nomination: Sierra Olympic Technologies

Founded in 1995 and headquartered in Hood River since 2010, Sierra-Olympic Technologies is a proud Gorge company with world-renowned expertise thermal imaging technology. Customers across the world are utilizing their products for an ever-expanding variety of applications, from airborne surveillance and mapping to gas leak detection, wildlife and wildfire surveying, process monitoring, temperature detection, scientific research and much more. In 2020, the company released the world's first HD 1920 x 1200 resolution uncooled



long-wave infrared camera, called the Vayu HD. Another promising technology that took flight in 2020 is a specialized thermal camera that visually detects hydrocarbon gasses (such as propane and methane). This is quickly becoming an invaluable tool for the oil and gas industry, for leak detection and remediation and greenhouse gas reduction. In the face of unprecedented challenges in 2020, Sierra-Olympic has had perhaps its most momentous year, growing its customer base and advancing numerous innovations, while nearly doubling its staff and moving to a larger headquarters with more capacity for the future. As a growing player in the Gorge's tech scene, the company also seeks to set an example in its approach to community leadership, company culture and personal and professional growth of its team. It also has an active internship program focused on exposing aspiring young minds to the many possibilities of technology as a career in the Gorge.

[Check out this video](#) of Sierra Olympic Technology's work!