Ballistic Shields – RFQ Questions

- Will USSS consider an equivalent ballistic shield solution that meets or exceeds the required performance and configuration.

  No. All shields used by Secret Service Police are approved and used during training modules. Any product selected must be preapproved by training. Current time limitations for procurement submission do not allow testing and research.

- For this solicitation which requests Vanguard-VL by name, we noted that this equipment has not been validated to the latest standard for law enforcement use of ballistic shields, ASTM E3347. Is the Secret Service aware of this standard (Standard Specification for Ballistic-Resistant Shields Used by Law Enforcement Officers). which is intended to replace the generic, forty-year-old NIJ 0108.01 (standard for testing ballistic resistant materials), which requires only five widely spaced test shots at room temperature?

  Please refer to bullet point one answer.