



**John Samaniego, Sheriff**

**Ballistic Vest Bid**  
**July 2025**

Shelby County Sheriff's Office  
Bid Specifications for Ballistic Vest- 2025

**1. Bid Purpose**

Shelby County is issuing this bid to acquire future purchases of Point Blank AXII-4 soft armor ballistic vests with concealed carriers. We are also seeking to purchase compatible load-bearing vests, specifically the Guardian 2025 by Point Blank. The purchase of this equipment will provide our deputy sheriffs with wearable Level II ballistic protection for their public safety duties.

**2. Requirements & Expectations**

2.1 Product(s) must be capable of performing all functions and capabilities as stated by the manufacturer.

2.2 All products sold by the bidder must be new. Products that have a warranty period must be honored per the manufacturer's warranty.

2.3 Bid pricing is to be established as a ceiling price. At no time may the bid products be offered pursuant to the bid at prices above this ceiling price without approval by Shelby County.

2.4 The vendor agrees that a full refund, credit, or exchange will be granted to any defective-on-arrival (DOA) merchandise if reported within thirty (30) days of receipt of the order.

2.5 The vendor agrees to fill and ship orders in an expeditious manner; ballistic vests, including accompanying carriers, speed plate and soft trauma plate, must be delivered to the Shelby County Sheriff's Office within eight (8) weeks of the date it was ordered. Load Bearing Vests (LBV) must be delivered to the Shelby County Sheriff's Office within 12 (twelve) weeks of the date it was ordered.

2.6 This bid solicitation contains name-brand type products; **however, alternate brand products will only be accepted if they meet or exceed the specifications of the product listed and detailed in this document.** Any alternate brand bid(s) must be clearly stated in the bid response and include an attachment detailing the alternate brand product specifications explaining how it meets or exceeds the specifications of the Point Blank AXII-4, (including carrier, hard plate, and soft plate) and a sample must be provided for the Shelby County Sheriff's Office to evaluate.

2.7 Product Liability: Qualified bidders shall agree to provide a minimum of \$10,000,000 (USD) in product liability insurance coverage on delivered ballistic shields. A copy of the manufacturer's liability insurance showing proof of \$10,000,000 (USD) liability insurance must accompany this bid.

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**3. Product Warranty / Custom Fit / Vest Performance:**

3.1 Assuming normal use and lack of abuse, each vest must be warranted to provide protection as stated on the protective panel label and to be free of defects in material and workmanship for a period of five (5) years from the date of purchase. Load Bearing Vests (LBV) must be guaranteed against defects in workmanship for twelve (12) months from the date of purchase.

3.2 Custom Fit: Each vest must be custom fit and made to measurements. All measurements must be performed by factory trained personnel. If a manufacturer is bidding directly, a detailed service plan for agency fitting and provisions for local customer service must be provided with this bid.

3.3 Fit Guarantee: The fit of custom-measured vests must be guaranteed. Bidder and/or manufacturer must agree to provide alterations or replacement free, until the wearer is satisfied. Note: Officer must request alterations within 6 weeks of issue and not mark on vest or carrier prior to satisfaction of fit. After 6 weeks, an alteration fee may apply.

3.4 Packaging: Each vest must be packaged individually in a protective plastic bag and shipped in a specially designed protective cardboard box.

**4. Quality Control & Product Consistency:**

Any manufacturer bid must have a comprehensive Quality Control Program, which includes a written Q.C. Policy and the minimum quality assurance steps shown in 6.2-6.6, below. The manufacturer must also be Quality Certified by an accredited Quality registrar to the ISO 9001 standard. All documents and data must be made available for inspection upon request. **A copy of both the quality control policy and the ISO 9001 certificate of registration must accompany this bid.**

4.1 The manufacturer must warrant that all shipments of each certified model will be identical in design and construction to that which was originally certified. The manufacturer and NIJ must have retained samples from the original certification for verification and/or inspection. **No substitutions will be allowed without the prior written approval of the Sheriff's Office.**

4.2 All vests must be serialized, 100% inspected, and traceable. All procedures and quality data must be available to the Sheriff's Office for inspection upon request.

4.3 Each lot's critical fiber properties (denier, # of filaments, fiber type, tenacity, and elongation at break) must have been certified by the fiber manufacturer. Each lot's critical fabric properties (weave, warp & fill ends/inch, basis weight, thickness, yarn and

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fabric tensile properties, 9mm and .357 Mag. V-50 ballistic limits) must have been certified by the fabric manufacturer.

4.4 The vest manufacturer must also recheck critical fabric properties (fiber/fabric property certifications, weave type, warp and fill ends/inch, basis weight, and 9mm/.357 Mag. penetration resistances) of each shipment received prior to its use in manufacturing ballistic vests.

4.5 The manufacturer must warrant that the NIJ certified model will continue to perform at its established V-50 Ballistic Limit levels, as demonstrated by independent laboratory tests, within a normal variation of +/-3%, throughout the five year service life of the vest.

4.6 The manufacturer must allow unannounced plant and data inspections if the Sheriff's Office wishes to conduct them, at any time during or after the production of the Sheriff's Office's vests. (Note: All Sheriff's Office plant visits and/or ballistic tests will be paid for by the Agency.)

## 5. Bid Submission

5.1 Shelby County reserves the right to purchase none, one, or several of any items quoted based upon the bid unit prices and need of the Sheriff's Office.

5.2 Bidder shall submit no less than three references from current clients, upon request of Shelby County. Shelby County reserves the right to use itself as a reference and to solicit references from clients other than those listed.

5.3 The bid proposal submitted by the most responsive vendor, together with the representations made by the vendor, shall be incorporated into an agreement between Shelby County and the most responsive vendor, which is good for one year. Pricing may be extended up to two additional years, if mutually agreed upon by both parties.

5.4 Submitted pricing should include the in *Bid Response* page (see last page) and clearly state all costs. **Submitted prices shall also include all shipping/handling costs and there shall be no hidden costs that are not noted in the bid response.**

## 6. Evaluation Criteria

Evaluation will be based on the County's sole judgment of the quality and features of the products offered, support capabilities of the vendor, and price.

**\*Upon request for references**, vendors should have available a minimum of three (3) references (Section 3.2). Please include a company name, contact person, phone number, and email address.

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Questions concerning this bid should be addressed to:

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Email: [jfondren@shelbyso.com](mailto:jfondren@shelbyso.com)

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**ATTACHMENTS (Product Specifications)**

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Model No.  
**AXII-4**

SOFT ARMOR BALLISTIC SYSTEM

Technical Specifications

MALE

NIJ 0101.06

WEIGHT  
0.66 lbs./sq ft

THICKNESS  
0.17 inches

TECHNICAL SUMMARY & NIJ DATA

THREAT LEVEL  
II

TECHNICAL SUMMARY

STANDARD ..... NIJ-0101.06  
MODEL NO ..... AXII-4  
SERIES ..... AX-Series  
THREAT LEVEL ..... II  
SEX ..... MALE  
WEIGHT ..... 0.66 LBS / SQ FT  
THICKNESS ..... 0.17 INCHES  
BALLISTIC PANEL MATERIALS ..... Woven Aramid and UD Polyethylene  
PANEL COVER MATERIAL ..... Nylon  
BERRY COMPLIANT ..... Yes

NIJ COMPLIANCE TEST DATA

9mm V50	1786 fps	544 mps
357Mag V50	1688 fps	515 mps

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# HI-LITE

## FEMALE



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**STANDARD FEATURES:**

- Lightweight, durable microfiber outer material
- Optional Thorshield material protection against electroshock
- Removable internal cummerbund
- Self Suspending Ballistic System (SSBS) helps prevent rolling and sagging of the ballistic panels inside carrier
- Top external loading, internal plate pocket with low profile hook/loop closure can accommodate Trauma insert and SPEED plates (Size dependent)
- Split shoulders for easy access to shoulder adjustment

- Available in Male, MX4 contoured female, and Trufit unisex shape
- Available with anti-microbial and moisture wicking mesh tails
- Four 2" elastic side straps for adjustment (4" bands available)
- Contoured shape to accommodate the female anatomy

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PRODUCT BUILDER RESULTS

Guardian 2025

Front

Pocket Style  
Uniform Pocket - Western

Pocket Option  
Western Pockets with Buttons - WEST

Badge Flap  
Sewn Loop - LP-01 (additional charge may apply)

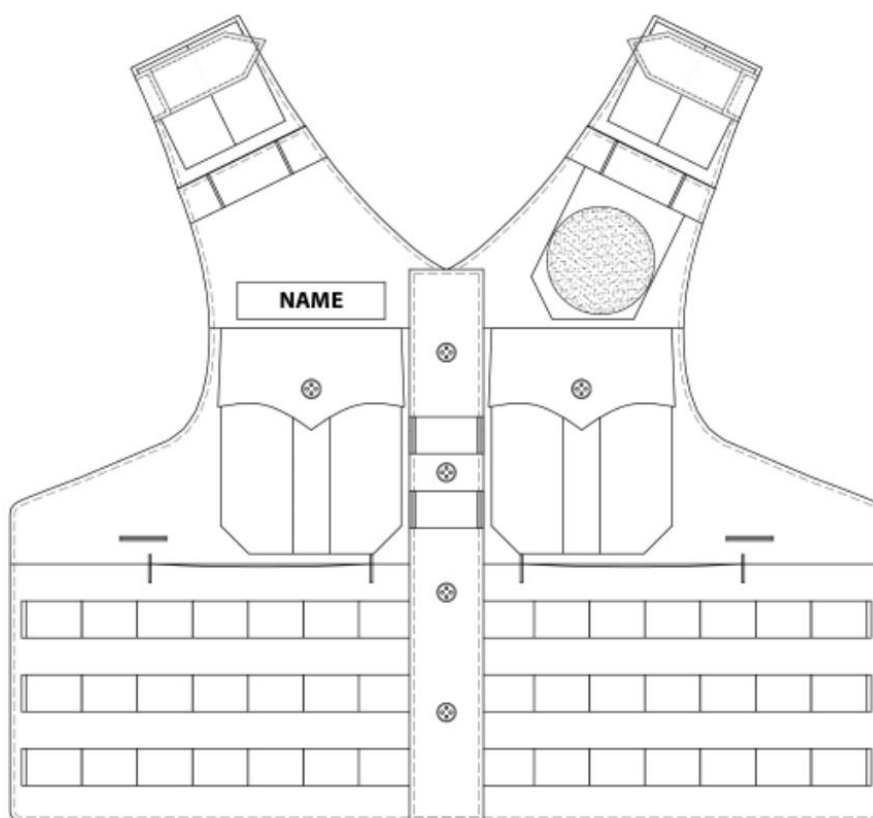
1" x 4" Name ID Placard  
Heat Transfer Letters

Text for Name ID Placard  
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Name ID Letter Colors  
Black

Load Carriage  
MOLLE

Epaulettes  
Add Epaulettes



*Standard carrier shown. MOLLE and laser configuration may vary based on carrier size.*

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PRODUCT BUILDER RESULTS

Back

Plate Pocket (Top or bottom loading)  
Top Loading with ID Panel

Load Carriage  
Stick

3" x 11" Agency ID Placard  
Add Agency ID Placard / Heat Transfer Letters

Text for Agency ID Placard  
SHERIFF

Agency ID Letter Colors  
Black



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Color

Carrier Color  
Khaki - KHA

Style Code  
Top Level Code - GDC\_000B0J



**Khaki**



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## SPEED PLATES

LEVEL  
IIIA

Speed Plates are the ultimate in lightweight armor protection against special threats rounds. Designed to be worn in the chest pocket of our concealable vests, SPEED plates are ultra thin and weigh only a half pound or less. These SPEED plates feature 100% polyethylene construction.



Protection Type/Level: IIIA  
Configuration: Stand-alone  
Thickness: .35"  
Curvature: Multi Curve  
Construction: Composite

### //// BALLISTIC PERFORMANCE ////

#### Stand-Alone Threat Testing:

- .357 SIG 115 grain (JHP)
- .357 SIG 125 grain (GDHP)
- .40 CAL 95 grain (HP)
- 9mm x 19mm, 115 grain (FMJ)
- 9mm WINCHESTER RANGER 127 grain (SXT)
- 7.62mm x 25mm TOKAREV (FMJ)
- .30-Cal Carbine, 110 grain (FMJ)
- 5.7mm x 28mm, 27 grain (SS195)
- 5.7mm x 28mm 40 grain (HORNADY BLUE TIP)

#### Threats Defeated When Tested ICW NIJ Certified IIIA Armor:

- Winchester 12ga 1oz slug

Spike 1 Level 1

SIZE	SHAPE	WEIGHT
Female 5" x 7"	Full-Size (single curve)	0.45 lbs
Female 5" x 8"	Full-Size (single curve)	0.50 lbs
Female 6" x 8"	Full-Size (single curve)	0.60 lbs
Female 7" x 10"	Full-Size (single curve)	0.80 lbs
5" x 7"	Full-Size	0.45 lbs
5" x 8"	Full-Size	0.50 lbs
6" x 8"	Full-Size	0.60 lbs
7" x 9"	Full-Size	0.70 lbs
7" x 10"	Shooter's Cut	0.80 lbs
8" x 10"	Shooter's Cut	0.85 lbs
10" x 12"	Shooter's Cut	1.25 lbs
11" x 14"	Shooter's Cut	2.00 lbs
7.25" x 11.50"	Shooter's	0.85 lbs
8.75" x 11.50"	Shooter's	1.15 lbs
9.50" x 12.50"	Shooter's	1.25 lbs
10.25" x 13.75"	Shooter's	1.65 lbs

\*All weights are approximate

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# Bid Response

Name of Bidder\_\_\_\_\_

Representing Company\_\_\_\_\_

Address of Bidder\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information\_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address\_\_\_\_\_ Federal Tax ID#\_\_\_\_\_

Does the product(s) meet stated specifications? Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

Note any deviations from specifications (if none write "None" / Also include any specifications that may exceed listed spec's):

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☐ Check here if additional sheets are attached; otherwise, it is understood that no other documentation is relevant.

## Pricing for Point Blank Products or Qualifying Alternate Brands

Item	Bid Pricing \$\$
Point Blank AXII-4 Ballistic Body Armor *Price must include male and female models	
Point Blank HI-Lite concealed panel carrier (price for two (2))	
Guardian 2025 Load-Bearing Vest	
Paraclete 5x7 Full Size Speedplate Product # 10025-5x7 Level IIIA	
TT1GEN580R 5 x 8 Soft Trauma Insert	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>