



# Gaston County

Gaston County  
Board of Commissioners  
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## Finance Board Action

File #: 22-411

Commissioner Brown - Finance on behalf of Public Safety - To Authorize the County Manager, or Her Designee, to Replace Current Expired Body Armor Vests and Execute a Sole Source Contract with Premier Body Armor for the Purchase of Body Armor Vests for Gaston County Police Department, Sheriff's Office, GEMS & Emergency Management (\$375,000)

### STAFF CONTACT

Tiffany Murray - 704-866-3032

### BUDGET IMPACT

General Fund will be impacted in the amount of \$375,000.00.

### BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

N/A

### BACKGROUND

Current ballistic vests have expired and these are needed to protect public safety staff. County Public Safety Departments (County Police, Sheriff's Office, Emergency Medical Services and Emergency Management) have a Purchasing Agreement with Premier Body Armor for body armor vests.

A purchase is sole source according to G. S. 143-129(e)(6) Informal and formal purchase - Available when (1) performance or price competition is not available; (2) product is available from only one source; or (3) standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration. The body armor vests fall under sections 2 and 3 of the sole source.

This Board Action authorizes the purchase of body armor vests from sole source Premier Body Armor for the County Public Safety Departments (County Police, Sheriff's Office, Emergency Medical Services and Emergency Management) and the appropriation of \$375,000.00 from the fund balance in General Fund for the purchase.

### POLICY IMPACT

N/A

### ATTACHMENTS

Budget Change Request (BCR); Sole Source Letter; Premier Estimate; Vest Description/Specifications Sheet

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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

NO.	DATE	M1	M2	CBrown	AFraley	BHovis	KJohnson	TKelgher	TPhilbeck	RWorley	Vote
2022-296	09/27/2022	AF	TK	A	A	A	A	A	AB	A	U

### DISTRIBUTION:

Laserfiche Users

A=AYE, N=NAY, AB=ABSENT, ABS=ABSTAIN, U=UNANIMOUS

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September 19, 2022

To whom it may concern,

This letter is in response to Premier Body Armor's ("PBA") request for a Sole Source letter from our company, prepared exclusively for Gaston County, North Carolina.

ShotStop holds and maintains all of the patents, technology and processes for manufacturing our Products. ShotStop produces all product for PBA conforming to strict ISO:9001 quality procedures.

PBA is the only Dealer where the exclusive PBA branded Product can be purchased from.

We appreciate your consideration of PBA's Products.

Sincerely,



Martin Iliev

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Director of Operations – ShotStop Ballistics, LLC

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## Estimate



**ADDRESS**  
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 Gastonia, NC 28052

**ESTIMATE #**  
 6833

**DATE**  
 09/02/2022

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
<b>Falcon</b>	Premier Falcon Plate Carrier Shooters Cut Color Black ID Patch (Black Background with White Letters) Designed to fit 10x12 plates Fully adjustable shoulder and side straps with quick release buckle Padded shoulder straps Lightweight and low profile MOLLE style webbing accommodates all compatible accessories Constructed of 1000 Denier Cordura Nylon "Man Down" drag handle 100% Made in the U.S.A.	350	157.00	54,950.00
<b>STR-9260</b>	STRATIS III+ Enhanced (PA)10x12x.76 NIJ CERTIFIED, Multi Curve, Shooters Cut, PBA DecalUniversal Fit Multi Curve Plate for Plate Carriers. Lightweight Ultra-durable cover to protect the plates in the roughest environments Multi-Curve Multi-Hit Capable  Special Threat Tested against the following calibers at a distance of 15 meters: 7.62 39 123gr PS Ball (MSC) 7.62 51 147gr FMJ (M80) – up to 2850 ft/s 5.56x45 55gr (M193) up to 3150ft/s *This plate is not rated to stop M855 NIJ 0101.06 Level III Certified 15-year warranty	700	474.00	331,800.00

SUBTOTAL	386,750.00
DISCOUNT	-11,750.00
TAX	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$375,000.00</b>

Accepted By

Accepted Date

**PREMIER**  
BODY ARMOR

## **FALCON CARRIER & STRATIS III+ ENHANCED**



### **THE FALCON PLATE CARRIER**

#### **FEATURES:**

- Constructed with 1000 denier Nylon Cordura®
- Designed for compatibility with the STRATIS III+ Enhanced plates
- Fully adjustable shoulder and side straps with quick release buckle
- One-size fits most
- Padded shoulder straps
- Light-weight
- MOLLE-style webbing to accommodate all compatible pouches
- Drag Strap
- Front and back ID loop patch
- Front and back plate pockets, accommodating 10"x12" hard armor plates

### **STRATIS III+ ENHANCED**

#### **LEVEL III+ RIFLE-RATED PLATE**

#### **FEATURES:**

- 2.8 LBS UHMWPE
- Multi-Curve
- NIJ 0101.06 Level III Certified
- Fits most plate carriers designed for 10x12 plates
- Available in shooters cut & esapi shapes
- 15-year warranty
- Multi-hit capable

#### **Threat Profile:**

7.62x39 123GR PS BALL (MSC)

7.62x51 147GR FMJ (M80) - UP TO 2850 FT/S

5.56x45 55GR (M193) UP TO 3150 FT/S

