USAF Future Handgun Program

• Vision
  • Procure a new handgun for USAF that meets all combat requirements and provides increased capabilities
    • Ensure combat needs of all users addressed
    • Capitalize on emerging technology
    • Focus on AF operational needs with joint partnerships
    • Close capability gaps with current handguns

• Goals
  • Provide Airmen with a more effective handgun
    • Increased permanent wound channel size
    • Use readily available military cartridge
    • Use commercial/non-developmental solution
    • Take advantage of new handgun technologies available from industry
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• Desired Capabilities and New Technologies
  • Optimum lethality on the battlefield or in other operations based on increased diameter of bullet; increased tissue damage with non-expanding fully jacketed bullets
  • Enhanced corrosion control; reduced operator maintenance
  • More shooter friendly, ergonomic design for average to small hands; increased shootability enhancing shooter accuracy
  • Size options (standard, compact, etc.) to accommodate certain missions (aircrew, OSI, Personal Security Officer) in same model
  • Modular grip panels/inserts (operator ability to adjust grip size)
  • Placement of safety controls on receiver
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• Quantities needed and acquisition timeline
  • AF requirement is ~ 100,000 guns and associated ammo
  • Seeking Congressional Funding Approval
  • Key milestones/decision points:
    • Finalize performance specification
    • Approve acquisition strategy
    • Release Request for Proposal (RFP) for test articles with options for production
    • Execute initial down-select from RFP submissions
    • Complete test, final down-select and award production contract