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USAF Combat Weapons Program

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USAF Future Handgun Program



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- **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**