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Subject: Bulletproof Vest Partnership 2017 Awards

Dear BVP applicant,

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is pleased to inform you that your agency will receive an award under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) solicitation. These funds have been posted to your account in the BVP System. A complete list of FY 2017 BVP awards is available at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bvpbasi/>.

The FY 2017 award may be used for National Institute of Justice (NIJ) compliant armored vests which were ordered after April 1, 2017. The deadline to request payments from the FY 2017 award is August 31, 2019, or until all available funds have been requested. Awards will not be extended past that date, and any unused funds will be forfeited.

Please see the following websites for a list of NIJ compliant vests:

Ballistic Vests: <http://nij.gov/nij/topics/technology/body-armor/compliant-ballistic-armor.htm>

Stab Resistant Vests: <http://nij.gov/nij/topics/technology/body-armor/compliant-stab-armor.htm>

As a reminder, all jurisdictions that applied for FY 2017 BVP funding certified that a mandatory wear policy was in place for their jurisdiction. BJA will be conducting reviews of the mandatory wear policies as funds are requested from the BVP System. For more information on the BVP mandatory wear policy, please see the BVP Frequently Asked Questions document: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bvpbasi/docs/FAQsBVP MandatoryWearPolicy.pdf>

Additionally, uniquely fitted armor is a new requirement in 2017. In the BVP Program, "uniquely fitted vests" means protective (ballistic or stab-resistant) armor vests that conform to the individual wearer to provide the best possible fit and coverage, through a combination of: 1) correctly-sized panels and carrier, determined through appropriate measurement, and 2) properly adjusted straps, harnesses, fasteners, flaps, or other adjustable features. The requirement that body armor be "uniquely fitted" does not necessarily require body armor that is individually manufactured based on the measurements of an individual wearer. In support of the Office of Justice Programs' efforts to improve officer safety, the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) International has made available the *Standard Practice for Body Armor Wearer Measurement and Fitting of Armor* ([Active Standard ASTM E3003](#)) available at no cost. The [Personal Armor Fit Assessment checklist](#), is excerpted from ASTM E3003.

Finally, please visit the following page for checklists and guides for each step of the BVP process: <http://ojp.gov/bvpbasi/bvpprogramresources.htm>.

For questions regarding the BVP Program or your award, please do not hesitate to contact the BVP Help Desk at vests@usdoj.gov or 1-877-758-3787.

Thank you

