

US Armor is not part of any cooperative purchasing agreement. I have attached the three quotes and added them to the overall workbook for reference.

While there are heavier and lighter vests on the market our researched pointed us towards US Armor because we felt it was a good compromise between weight and price.

The quote from US Armor provides us with a local sales rep who will custom fit each officer with the proper size plates and vest carrier. These plates are also single curved so they will fit better and be more comfortable during any periods of extended wear. The vest carriers were sturdy construction and had added support for the plates which reduced the weight sitting on the bottom Velcro flap and reducing wear and tear.

The quote from Cop Stop was the heaviest vest package and made with inferior products. The material on the vest carrier was thin and only single stitched so the possible of greater wear and tear and frequent replacement is of concern. These plates are also single curved but one size fits all construction. With officers ranging from 100 lbs. to almost 300 lbs. one size fits all is not practical. These plates were also not NIJS certified and instead used their own brand of certification.

The quote from Officer Survival Solutions were flat steel plates. These are the cheapest to make but offer the least comfort. The vest carrier was of moderate construction but there was no extra support for the plates causing the total weight of the plate to rest on the bottom Velcro flap of the vest leading to concerns of wear and tear and frequent replacement issues. These plates are also one size fits all does not offer the flexibility between varying officer body types.

All the quoted plates were level 3+ or greater which is rated for rifle rounds. If cared for properly it is possible for the plates to last the entire career of the officer 20+ years. Due to their rigid construction they do not need replacement every 5 years.

Thanks,

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