

Modular Tactical Vest

DESCRIPTION

The Modular Tactical Vest (MTV) is being developed due to combat operations highlighting the need for operational enhancements to the Outer Tactical Vest (OTV). MTV enhancements include a quick release for emergency egress and casualty assistance, increased lower back and kidney area protection, integrated Side Small Arms Protective Insert carrier, pathways for communication wiring/cables, side opening design for medical access, improved closures, and a rifle bolster to improve the stock weld. The MTV uses the same soft armor and hard armor solutions used in the OTV.

OPERATIONAL IMPACT

The MTV provides significant improvements over the OTV and increases warfighting effectiveness. The MTV's improved comfort, adjustability and load distribution capability, combined with its greater area of coverage and quick release (for emergency egress and medical access) features, enables the individual Marine to easily configure components of their combat load to best meet specific mission requirements.

PROGRAM STATUS

The MTV was procured in response to an Urgent Universal Needs Statement and Urgent Statement of Need for near term improvements to OTV. In support of Marines in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, fielding began early 2007 and will be completed near the end of the year.

Procurement Profile:	FY 2007	FY 2008
Quantity:	TBD	TBD

Developer/Manufacturer:
Protective Products International, Sunrise, FL