



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS -- RESEARCH PHASE
April 27, 2021

PARTICIPANTS

This Request for Proposals is issued by the Gun Safety Consortium on behalf of the following participating municipalities, counties and public-sector agencies:

Anne Arundel County, MD	City of Lakewood, OH
City of Akron, OH	City of Lansing, MI
City of Austin, TX	City of Milford, CT
Baltimore County, MD	City of Milwaukee, WI
City of Bridgeport, CT	Montgomery County, MD
City of Cincinnati, OH	City of New Haven, CT
City of Columbus, OH	City of Norwalk, CT
City of Dayton, OH	Village of Oak Park, IL
Cook County Sheriff's Office, IL	City of Oakland, CA
Village of Deerfield, IL	Orange Village, OH
Town of Hamden, CT	City of Park Ridge, IL
City of Hartford, CT	City of Pittsburgh, PA
Hazel Crest Police Department, IL	City of St. Petersburg, FL
City of Highland Park, IL	City of South Euclid, OH
Kane County Sheriff's Office, IL	City of Toledo, OH
Lake County Sheriff's Office, IL	

PURPOSES

Participating jurisdictions and institutions seek to identify and purchase firearm security devices and related products that will strengthen their efforts to:

- Protect law enforcement and armed security personnel -- and, by extension, their families and the general public -- by minimizing the risk of the theft, unauthorized use or accidental discharge of their firearms while on duty as well as off.
- Reduce the incidence of theft, unauthorized use and accidental discharge of firearms owned by civilians by promoting public awareness of available products that can be used to effectively secure firearms.
- Solve and prevent gun-related crimes.

As a first phase in this process, the Consortium intends to purchase limited quantities of each product that meets its criteria, and to subject each product to evaluation by law enforcement officers and firearms experts. This cooperative purchasing and research process will assist Consortium members in making informed decisions about future purchases on a larger scale. This process may also assist product developers in gathering useful feedback from law enforcement personnel.

Through this RFP, the Consortium requests information regarding currently available products as well as those in development.

PRODUCTS REQUESTED

The Consortium seeks to purchase limited quantities of products in the following categories for evaluation:

Quick-Release Gun Locking Devices: Products that meet all of the following criteria:

- Designed to secure a firearm against theft or unauthorized use
- An external product, not integrated into the firearm
- Designed to allow an authorized user to access the firearm in 5 seconds or less

User-Authenticating Firearms: Firearms that incorporate technologies to prevent use by unauthorized persons. These products can include:

- Retrofittable products that allow user-authentication capability to be incorporated into *existing* firearms
- Newly manufactured firearms incorporating user-authentication technology

Other Gun Security Products: Other products designed to secure firearms from theft, unauthorized use, or accidental discharge, including but not limited to:

- Gun safes or locking devices designed for vehicles
- Sidearm holsters incorporating quick-release locking capability
- Gun safes or other storage devices that allow access by authorized users in 5 seconds or less
- Quick-release trigger shields (non-locking)
- Alarms or warning devices that issue sound and/or electronic alerts when a gun is moved
- Geolocation devices and systems for firearms

Technologies to Assist in Solving Gun-Related Crimes: Firearms equipped with technologies to assist law enforcement in tracing recovered firearms or shell casings, including:

- Bullet microstamping
- Enhanced traceability for firearms or firearms parts

HOW TO RESPOND

[Please fill out this form](#) by June 18, 2021.

If you would like to share any supplemental materials, or if you have any questions, please contact us at gunsafetyconsortium.org/contact

TIMELINE FOR PHASE ONE OF CONSORTIUM PURCHASE & RESEARCH PROCESS

June 18, 2021	Deadline for RFP responses to be considered for 2021 evaluation
June - July	Evaluation of responses; follow-up questions and responses
August	Consortium purchases & delivery/distribution of products
September 15	Evaluation period begins
October 30	Evaluation period ends
December	Report issued to all Consortium members on research findings Consortium meeting to evaluate strategic options & plan Phase Two
Early 2022	Gun Safety Tech Expo(s) highlighting select products