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**Notice of NIJ-approved Laboratory Status**

Laboratory: Element U. S. Space & Defense

Scope: NIJ 0101.07, Ballistic Resistance of Body Armor

NIJ 0123.00, Specification for NIJ Ballistic Protection Levels and Associated Test Threats, Appendix A: Ammunition Audit Process

NIJ 0101.06, Ballistic Resistance of Body Armor, Section 7, Ballistic Test Methods

NIJ 0101.06, Ballistic Resistance of Body Armor, Section 6, Hard Armor Conditioning Protocol

NIJ 0101.06, Ballistic Resistance of Body Armor, Section 5, Flexible Armor Conditioning Protocol

NIJ 0115.00, Stab Resistance of Personnel Body Armor

NIJ 0112.03, Autoloading Pistols for Police Officers, Revision A

Expiration: **June 30, 2025**

Dear Mr. McDowell:

The National Institute of Justice hereby informs you that your laboratory's status as an NIJ-approved laboratory for testing in accordance with the scopes related to NIJ Standard 0101.06, NIJ Standard 0115.00, and NIJ Standard 0112.03 identified above has been extended until the date listed. Furthermore, until a complete review can be conducted for the revised ballistic body armor program associated with NIJ Standard 0101.07 and NIJ Standard 0123.00, your laboratory is also provisionally recognized as an NIJ-approved laboratory for testing in accordance with NIJ Standard 0101.07 until the date listed per your laboratory's recent accreditation by the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP).

Your laboratory will continue to be recognized on NIJ's list of approved laboratories, which is made available at <https://cjtec.org/compliance-testing-program/nij-approved-test-laboratories/>. As an NIJ-approved laboratory, you are authorized to conduct compliance testing of ballistic-resistant body armor, stab-resistant body armor, and autoloading pistols in accordance with the standards listed above. All terms and conditions noted in your signed NIJ Compliance Testing Program Laboratory Application and Agreement are in effect and will remain so unless otherwise modified in writing by NIJ.

Any questions regarding your laboratory status should be directed to the NIJ Compliance Testing Program by email at [bactp@nijctp.org](mailto:bactp@nijctp.org) or by telephone at 984-439-5241, or to me by email at [mark.greene2@usdoj.gov](mailto:mark.greene2@usdoj.gov) or by telephone at 202-598-9481.

Sincerely,

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