

## New Lightweight Soft Armor Package Now in Production for the U.S. Army

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The Afghan surge, which requires more foot patrols than were carried out in Iraq, has fueled the need to make our Soldiers more agile in their protective gear by reducing the weight of their armor systems.

Earlier this week, KDH Defense Systems, Inc. (KDH), a leading manufacturer of American-made custom body armor solutions for military, law enforcement and federal agencies, announced that the Company is in production for the U.S. Army of its new, lightweight ballistic pack, *Convergence*.

The lighter weight soft armor package has been put through rigorous Army testing at the system level to ensure that the new package met or exceeded all Army ballistic testing standards.

"Lighten the load has been the resounding command from the military for more than a decade," stated SGM (Ret) William T. Hancock, Jr., Military Program Development for KDH. "Our new lightweight ballistic pack, *Convergence*, is one of the lightest and most flexible packages ever selected by the United States Army."

"Reducing the weight of the armor system also provides for the opportunity to add other potential life-saving equipment such as additional ammunition to the load. This innovative, new technology has the potential to reduce the weight of every armor system under the current requirement regardless of style," said Jeff Payne, Special Projects Manager R&D for KDH.

"The emphasis to increase the ballistic protection of the soldier has increased his survivability while hindering his mobility and endurance," stated David Herbener, President and CEO of KDH. "We know what we have today works, but the challenge is reducing the weight while maintaining or exceeding the identical amount of protection."

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