

Small Caliber Ammunition

Provides warfighters with the highest quality small caliber ammunition for training and combat.



DESCRIPTION AND SPECIFICATIONS

The Small Caliber Ammunition program consists of the following cartridges: 5.56mm, 7.62mm, 9mm, 10-Gauge, 12-Gauge, .22 caliber, .30 caliber, and .50 caliber.

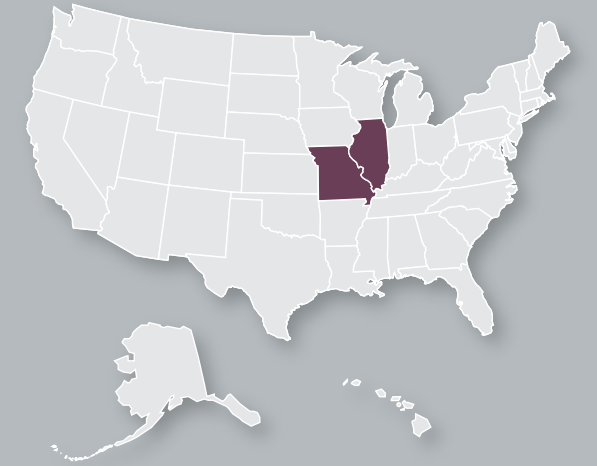
Small Caliber Ammunition supports the following soldier weapons: M9 pistol, M16A1/A2 rifle, M4 carbine, M249 squad automatic weapon, M240 machine gun, .50-caliber M2 machine gun, sniper rifles, and a variety of shotguns.

PROGRAM STATUS

- **3QFY04** Procurement of small caliber ammunition for training from the United Kingdom complete
- **4QFY04** Urgent buys of 5.56mm, 7.62mm, and .50 caliber are under contract
- **1QFY05** 1.2 billion rounds under contract at Lake City Army Ammunition Plant
- **1QFY05** Solicitation to acquire second source (commercial) released to industry

PROJECTED ACTIVITIES

- **3QFY05** Systems contract to be awarded to second small caliber ammunition source
- **3QFY06** Lake City Army Ammunition Plant production capacity to be expanded from 1.2 billion to 1.5 billion rounds per year



CONTRACTORS

Alliant Techsystems (Independence, MO)
 Olin Corporation (East Alton, IL)
 Nordic Ammunition (Karlsborg, Sweden)

INVESTMENT COMPONENT

Modernization

ACQUISITION PHASE

- Production and Deployment