## The Guardian<sup>TM</sup> Chair- Office Chair with Ballistic Vest Launched

Neutral Posture develops an office chair with a detachable bullet resistant vest to protect employees and reduce fear in the work place

Fresh off the assembly line, The Guardian™ Chair came back from the NeoCon office furniture expo in Chicago as the winner of the Best of NeoCon award. Neutral Posture, a Texas-based designer and maker of ergonomic chairs, manufactured the chair for the employee that doesn't need to wear a ballistic vest all day, but wants the immediate protection that the vest can provide.

This award celebrates the functionality, flexibility, quality, aesthetics, style, and innovation of new commercial interior products, and is a testament to The Guardian™ Chair team's desire to provide their customers with the safety and peace of mind that they deserve. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there were 421 fatal work place shootings in 2008. This unfortunate reality has caused a need that allows The Guardian™ Chair to appeal to employees that work in banks, schools, foreign embassies, and any office building.

With the increase of workplace shootings in society, it can be assumed that fear is also present. This emphasizes the importance of protection from handguns that the bullet resistant vest in The Guardian™ Chair provides. The detachable vest can protect an employee from a regular .22-caliber up to a .357 Magnum. Rebecca Boenigk of Neutral Posture says, "Our employees are our biggest asset and now are referred to as 'human capital.' Why wouldn't you take the extra step to provide this kind of protection where you can?" The reality of danger from shootings is becoming more apparent in the media every day, and has left employers with a new responsibility to protect their employees.

The NIJ Level II bullet resistant vest comes from the same high quality materials and is manufactured by a provider of personal protection equipment for the U.S. military. Whether the employee uses the easily detachable bullet resistant vest or the chair itself as a shield, the Guardian<sup>TM</sup> Chair creates a new level of protection in a situation where response time matters. For more information on The Guardian<sup>TM</sup> Chair, visit neutralposture.com.

Started in 1989 by the mother/daughter team of Jaye Congleton and Rebecca Boenigk, Neutral Posture is now an international, award winning company. Leading the industry in areas from ergonomic niche products to state-of-the-art mid-market products, Neutral Posture provides solutions for ergonomic-conscious employers and organizations.

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