

National Solicitation Plan for Competitive Preseason Incident BPAs - Outyear/Workload

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Equipment Category	Solicitation Year for Incident BPAs										
	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Water Handling Equipment:	X			R			RR			RR	
Engine											
Water Tender (Support)											
Water Tender (Tactical)											
Heavy Equipment with Water:	X			R			RR			RR	
Pumper Cat											
Skidgine											
Softtrack											
Faller Module		X			R			RR			RR
GIS Unit ¹		X			R			RR			RR
Clerical Support Unit		X			R			RR			RR
Tent		X			R			RR			RR
Mechanic with Service Truck		X			R			RR			RR
Refrigerated Trailer		X		R ¹			RR			RR	
Mobile Laundry			X			R			RR		
Handwashing Station, Portable			X			R			RR		
Toilet, Portable			X			R			RR		
Handwashing Station (Trailer Mounted)			X			R			RR		
Potable Water Truck			X			R			RR		
Gray Water Truck			X			R			RR		
Bus, Crew Carrier ¹				X			R			RR	
Communications Trailer					X			R			RR
Weed Washing Unit					X		R			RR	
Heavy Equipment:			Pilot in R8		X			R			RR
Dozer											
Tractor Plow (added in 2008)											
Excavator											
Transport, including tilt trailers (will combine with heavy equipment in 2011)											
Items/year	6	6	6*	8	11	6	9	10	6	9	10
Regional Solicitations/year	2	5	3*	2	7	3	3	6	3	3	6
National Solicitations/year	0	1	0	2	1	0	2	1	0	2	1
¹ National Solicitation (or change to)	* does not include R8 pilot R - Resolicitation RR - on-going solicitation cycle										

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Equipment Category	Initial Solicitation Year for Incident BPA:					Notes
	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	
Bus, Crew Carrier				X		Regional responsibility unless a national contract is decided. Solicit for 2 years. Resolicit in 2012 to balance workload. Will pilot as national solicitation; keep as 3 years.
Dozer/Tractor Plow			Pilot in R8		X	Specs submitted to FEWT; Transport included in solicit. Move to 2011 because new solicitation (2nd round) for water handling will be issued in 2010, this and heavy equipment is too much of a workload. In 2009, pilot in R8. All other Regions in 2011. Dozer and Tractor Plow counted as 2 items in count below.
Engine	X			R		Must use national solicitation template
Excavator			Pilot in R8		X	Specs submitted to FEWT, Transport included in solicit. Move to 2011 because new solicitation (2nd round) for water handling will be issued in 2010, this and heavy equipment is too much of a workload. In 2009, pilot in R8. All other Regions in 2011.
Faller Module		X			R	Moved forward from 2010 to 2008; Must use national solicitation template
Fuel Tender (non-aviation)				X		Standard specs & CBA to be developed. Move to 2011, resolicit in 2012 to balance workload. Deferred from 2010; need resolution from FAM. Will not be competed.
GIS Unit		X			R	R6 will compete this nationally; Must use national solicitation template
Handwashing Station, Portable			X	X		Standard specs & CBA to be developed; combine w/toilets & potable water - Move to 2009 and combine with portable toilets.
Handwashing Station, Trailer Mounted			X	X		Standard specs & CBA to be developed using specs from nat'l shower contract. Move to 2009 and combine with Potable Water and Gray Water
Transport, including tilt trailers			X		X	Compete with piece of equipment it will haul; Standard specs and CBA to be developed for national competitive solicitation template when transport is needed for use at incidents other than mob/demob of equipment it is hauling. Move to 2011 because new solicitation (2nd round) for water handling will be issued in 2010, this and heavy equipment is too much of a workload. Solicitation will be combined with heavy equipment in 2011.
Medical Equipment, including EMT / Paramedic Kits			X	X		Health & Safety Working team doing kits; IBP working on policy for hiring EMTs - Move to 2010 to facilitate input on requirements by Health and Safety Working Team. Deferred from 2010; need resolution from FAM. Will not be competed.
Mobile Laundry		X	X			Must use national solicitation template. DECISION: Do not renew existing awards, amend solicitation, reissue new solicitation in 09.
Clerical Support Unit		X			R	Must use national solicitation template
Pumper Cat	X			R		Must use national solicitation template
Skidgine, Proteus	X			R		Must use national solicitation template. Skidgine and Proteus (Super Skidgine) counted as 2 items in count below.
Soft Track	X			R		Must use national solicitation template
Tender, Potable Water			X	X		Specs submitted to FEWT, MT BLM/R1 competed in 06& 07 - Move to 2009 and combine with Gray Water and Trailer Mounted Handwashing Stations
Tender, Water (Support)	X			R		Must use national solicitation template
Tender, Water (Tactical)	X			R		Must use national solicitation template
Tent / Canopy		X			R	Must use national solicitation template
Toilet, Portable			X	X		EaTIS Equip. WT to develop specs and CBA - Move to 2009 and combine with portable handwashing stations.
Trailer - Helicopter Support			X	X		Aviation Task Group has submitted specs to FEWT - Move to 2010 to facilitate input on requirements from Aviation. Deferred from 2010; need resolution from FAM. Will not be competed
Trailer, Communications			X	X		IRM Working Group to NWCG developing specs - Move to 2010 to allow adequate time for IRM Working Group to develop requirements. Deferred from 2010; need resolution from FAM. Do as national solicitation in 2011.
Truck, Crash Rescue			X	X		Delayed from 2008 to 2009 - Dropped from competition - See Exhibit B
Truck, Gray Water			X	X		Standard specs & CBA to be developed - Move to 2009 and combine with potable water and trailer mounted handwashing stations
Truck, Service		X			R	Mechanic w/Service Truck; Must use national solicitation template.
Truck/Trailer - Refrigeration		X			R	Trailer only, truck not included; Must use national solicitation template. Do we need to remove step requirement? Re-solicit in 2010 as national solicitation (due to wide price variances - resoliciting a year early).
Weed Washing Units				X	X	Standard specs & CBA to be developed. Move to 2011, resolicit in 2013 to balance workload. Do two-year solicitation.

Exhibit B displays equipment, services, and supplies that are not suited for formal competition, rather deemed more appropriate for procurement using informal competition within the local area.

Equipment Category	Justification
Air Conditioners	These are of a low dollar value that doing a solicitation would not justify the potential savings. These can be combined on a solicitation with tents.
Ambulance	Most ambulances are obtained through cooperative agreements with county or rural VFDs.
All Terrain Vehicles - 4-Wheel, 6-Wheel	These are commercially available. Competition is set in the marketplace.
Backhoe	A commercial item that is used minimally and typically for short duration (project specific) on incidents (Ref. CETG meeting notes 1/08)
Boat	These are used infrequently and not used by all Regions. It would not justify the cost of a solicitation.
Briefing Area Package	A commercial item that is used infrequently and would not justify the cost of a solicitation.
Bus, Coach	No special specs are needed. They are available in the commercial marketplace. They are mainly used for one way transportation and not needed to stay with crews. Commercial rates are available.
Bus, Shuttle	These are not used by all Regions. If your region utilizes this resource, solicit them.
Chainsaw	These are used by fallers that are hired as ADs. Not logical to do competition as a separate piece of equipment. These are also part of the faller module.
Chainsaw Repair Unit/Small Engine Repair	Not many units available. May not see cost savings if done in a solicitation. Optional for preseason agreement.
Chair, folding	Chairs are available in the cache or can often be purchased cheaper than rented. It will probably cost more to do a solicitation for chairs than the savings realized.
Chipper	Small chippers are commercially available. Larger chippers are not frequently used. Negotiate rental at time of incident.
Computer	Incident based Automation Group is looking at this item. They may want to do on a national contract as there are only a few known sources with the volume of laptops and printers that are needed. Currently R5 has EERAs.
Copier	Copiers are commercially available and sources are limited in small towns. Use commercial pricing.
Crew, Camp	Job Corps students and Tribal crews are utilized as camp crews whenever possible. Otherwise, local people are hired as an AD.
Crew, Strike Team	R6 is the only region that utilizes this resource. Encourage competition within R6.
Crew, Suppression Type II	Crews can be obtained on the national contracts. R6 is the only region that does a joint solicitation for this resource.
Engine Strike Team	R6 is the only region that utilizes this resource. Encourage competition within R6.
Fax Machine	Fax machines are available for rent from the same source as the copiers. It is often cheaper to purchase than to rent.
Feller Buncher	These are used infrequently and not used by all Regions. Negotiate at time of use or preseason. (Ref. CETG meeting notes 1/08)
Forklift	These items are commercially available and of low dollar value. The anticipated savings would not justify the cost of doing a solicitation.
Forwarder	These are used infrequently and not used by all Regions. Negotiate at time of use or preseason. (Ref. CETG meeting notes 1/08)
Front End Loader	These items are commercially available and used infrequently so would not justify the cost of doing a solicitation.
Fuel Tender (non-aviation)	IIBMH Chapter 20, MOH chart - requires fuel vendors to accept credit cards.
Generator	These could be combined on a solicitation with tents, a/c, and heaters. It would not be cost effective to do a solicitation for this item only.
Golf Cart	This item is commercially available and of low dollar value. The anticipated savings would not justify the cost of doing a solicitation.

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Hazmat Unit	This item is used infrequently and would not justify the cost of a solicitation. They are commercially available if needed.
Heater	These could be combined on a solicitation with tents and a/c. It would not be cost effective to do a solicitation for this item only.
Lighting	savings would not justify the cost of doing a solicitation but can be combined with tents.
Lowboy, Including Trailers	These will be competed with the equipment they haul.
Masticator (includes slashbuster)	These are used infrequently and not used by all Regions. Negotiate at time of use or preseason.
Medical Equipment	Emergency Medical Task group & Safety & Health working team to make recommendation; do as at-incident EERA if cannot get agency personnel (e.g.EMT).
Office, Modular	These items are commercially available and can be procured using a credit card.
Pack String	These items are used infrequently and would not justify the cost of a solicitation.
Pallet Jack	These are commercially available. It is often cheaper to purchase this than rent it.
Printer	The Incident Based Automation Group is looking at this item and it will be combined with computers.
Pump, Fire (portable)	These items are available in the cache so are not frequently rented.
Refuse Collection	This is often regulated and only has one vendor in the area.
Road Grader	A commercial item that is used minimally and typically for short duration (project specific) on incidents (Ref. CETG meeting notes 1/08)
Satellite Kit	The Incident Based Automation Group is looking at these and possibly doing a national contract.
Satellite Phone	The Incident Based Automation Group is looking at these and possibly doing a national contract.
Skidder	These are used infrequently and not used by all Regions. Negotiate at time of use or preseason. (Ref. CETG meeting notes 1/08)
Sleeper Unit, Mobile	Only a couple of regions use these so they could be competed by those regions.
Spill Kit	This item is available in the cache system. If not available, procure commercially.
Table	These are available in the cache. It is often cheaper to purchase tables rather than rent them and not cost effective to issue a solicitation.
Tank, Portable (Water Storage)	Small ones are available in the cache. If not, procure locally.
Tractor, Plow	This item is only used in a couple regions and it would not be beneficial to compete on a national level. It can be combined with the heavy equipment solicitation.
Tractor, Truck	These are usually used for cache vans. Some caches already have contracts for this service. It can be procured commercially and locally.
Traffic Control Equipment	Some regions have a cache of this. If not, it can be obtained from local road departments or rented commercially.
Trailer, Cargo	This item is used infrequently and would not justify the cost of a solicitation. They are commercially available if needed.
Trailer, Flatbed	This item is used infrequently and would not justify the cost of a solicitation. They are commercially available if needed.
Trailer, Helicopter Support	This item is very specialized and used infrequently. If needed, acquire through commercial means (or at-incident EERA).
Transportation, Stock	This item is used infrequently and would not justify the cost of a solicitation. They are commercially available if needed.
Truck, Crash Rescue	This item is very specialized and used infrequently. If needed, acquire through commercial means (or at-incident EERA).
Truck, Dump	commercially available if needed or can be combined with the heavy equipment solicitation.
Van, Box	Low quantities of this are used and it can be procured commercially.
Vehicle, Rental	Use the GSA contract that allows use off-road.
Vehicle, w/driver	This item is a low dollar item and the anticipated cost savings would not justify the cost of issuing a solicitation; however, lining up these resources preseason is recommended and use of national template is required.

These equipment categories require further action to be facilitated by the FESSAA Team.

Equipment Category	Notes
Caterer, Mobile	For all federal incidents where less than 150 people per meal will be fed, units can do an at-incident EERA. Units are strongly encouraged to work with the Contracting Officer for the National Mobile Food Services contract for their CWN needs; at a minimum the national specifications should be used. All-risk incidents: The national contract was written for the wildland firefighter (i.e., high calorie meals for adults performing arduous duties) and meals may be excessive for all-risk incidents. If this is the case, the national contract could be modified on a case-by-case basis for those situations requiring a lower calorie meal. Incident Management Team personnel must do this in coordination with the CO for the national contract.
Computer & Printers	The Incident Based Automation Group is looking at computers and accessories (printers)
Infra-Red Imager	FAM must identify a need to warrant a solicitation.