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The National Crew Contract will solicit for Type 2 Initial Attack crews. There has been debate over the appropriateness of this in view of considerations on what is and is not “inherently governmental.” This letter establishes policy for using crews hired under this contract as Type 2 Initial Attack crews and is consistent with the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) Policy letter 92-1, Inherently Governmental Functions.

Crew contractors may be used in the Type 2 Initial Attack configuration at local unit discretion. Contractors will be assigned only to Type 5 incidents following the criteria listed in the Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations. Contractor employees cannot direct or control government employees, or another vendor’s employees. The Incident Commander Type 5 is responsible to the Agency Administrator and all coordination and support operations are through the agency duty officer or Type 4 or higher Incident Commander. Specific details can be determined between the NIFC Acquisitions Staff and the National Crew Contract Steering Committee.

Contractors can obtain experience requirements as long as the coach/evaluator is a qualified Type 5 Incident Commander or higher.

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