



United States Department of the Interior



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Montana State Office

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Billings, Montana 59101-4669

<http://www.blm.gov/mt>

In Reply To:

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December 9, 2010

Dear Vendor:

This letter is to inform you that the Heavy Equipment and Transport Contracts for fire suppression will be Best Value (BV) starting this year. The solicitation will be hosted by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS). Enclosed is the schedule for the pre-proposal meetings. The BLM will utilize these USFS BV contracts for fire suppression and severity.

You will need to submit your proposal with the USFS through their VIPR process. At this time, the solicitation is scheduled to open in the middle of January and close by the end of March. When the solicitation is posted, you will be able to find and reply to it on FedBizOpps at <https://www.fbo.gov/index>. See the enclosed document "Interested in doing business with the Forest Service?" for more information.

Your existing Emergency Equipment Rental Agreement (EERA) for Heavy Equipment and Transports issued by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is still valid until the expiration date on the EERA or when the BV competitive contract awards are awarded, whichever comes first.

Equipment solicited for BV contracts will not be acquired through preseason EERAs. For more information regarding BV solicitations, please look at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/fire/nrcg/agree-contract/index.html>. It is your responsibility to contact Debby Wesselius at the Missoula Regional Office, (406)329-3333, if you need further information regarding the Heavy Equipment and Transport Solicitation.

If you have any questions, please contact Velvett Cummins at the above address or call 406-896-5191. You may also contact your local BLM procurement officer.

Sincerely,

Velvett Cummins
Contracting Officer

Enclosures:

- 1 – 2011 Northern Rockies Coordinating Group (NRCG) Equipment Pre-Proposal Meetings
- 2 - Interested in doing business with the Forest Service?

2011 Equipment Pre-proposal Meetings

Billings - February 28, 2011 from 1900-2100

Location – BLM State Office

5001 Southgate Drive

Billings, MT

Helena – March 1st, 2011 from 1900-2100

Location – UM – Helena College of Technology Auditorium

1115 North Roberts Street

Helena, MT 59601

Missoula – March 2nd, 2011 from 1900-2100

Location – Northern Rockies Training Center

5765 West Broadway

Missoula, MT 59808

Kalispell – March 3rd, 2011 from 1900-2100

Location – Tally Lake Ranger Station/Supervisor's Office

650 Wolfpack Way

Kalispell, MT 59901

Located next to the new Glacier High School

Couer d'Alene – March 7th, 2011 from 1900-2100

Location – Idaho Department of Lands Office

3284 West Industrial loop Couer d'Alene, ID 83815

Interested in doing business with the Forest Service?

Here are the basics of what is needed to become compliant with Government regulations and interact with our systems.

1. Obtain an eMail Address: If you don't already have one, obtain a valid email address. You can obtain one from your internet service provider (ISP) or you can use one of the many [free services](#) available on the web. A valid email address is required to register with DUNS, CCR, and eAuthentication.
2. Obtain a D-U-N-S® Number: The Data Universal Number System code is required by the Federal Acquisition Regulations ([FAR 52.204-6](#)) and you must have this before registering in the CCR. Register online at [D&B DUNS Number site for government contractors](#).
3. Obtain an IRS TIN: For Invoicing, payment, and tax purposes you must have a [Taxpayer Identification Number as required by the IRS](#). For privacy and security purposes, we recommend that you do not use your Social Security Number (SSN).
4. Register with CCR: In order to do business with the Federal Government (as required by [FAR 4.11](#)), you must register in the [Central Contractor Registration \(CCR\)](#). You are required to validate and update CCR once per year.
5. Register for a USDA eAuthentication account: The individual from your company who will be signing your pre-season incident agreement with the Forest Service must obtain a [Level 2 eAuthentication account](#) in order to transact business with the government.
6. Register at FedBizOpps and watch for business opportunities: Every competitive solicitation we offer is first posted to [FBO](#). It provides you with government wide business opportunities. Every solicitation is different, so read them carefully for instructions on how to submit your bids or proposals.