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Subject: 2011 Solicitations for Northern Rockies Incident Support

To: Interested Fire Contractors

In 2011 the following resources will be competitively solicited for in the Northern Rockies: heavy equipment including dozers, excavators and transports, weed wash units, helicopter support trailers, faller modules (professional sawyers), hand washing stations (portable and trailer mounted), portable toilets, rental vehicles, small caterers, tents/yurts/canopies, GIS units, communication trailers, and service mechanical trucks. These solicitations will be competitively awarded to vendors meeting the minimal specifications stated in the solicitation, offering a reasonable price, and having good past performance. Vendors unable to provide a current performance evaluation (based on performance accomplished within the past 36 months) will receive a neutral rating for past performance. All local agreements, including Emergency Equipment Rental Agreements (EERA) and Incident Blanket Purchase Agreements (I-BPA) listing equipment in these categories will be modified to delete this equipment. .

Helpful information for vendors interested in providing equipment listed above is available on the Northern Rockies Coordinating Group (NRCG) website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/fire/nrcg/> under the link "Contracting For Fire". Information regarding equipment specifications, agency sponsoring the solicitation, contact information, helpful links and general information are listed here. Vendors are strongly encouraged to make note of the dates solicitations are scheduled to be open for offers; dates will vary between the categories. Late submittals will not be considered. Each solicitations lists the Contracting Officer or Procurement Official responsible for that solicitation, questions should be directed to these individuals.

To give contractors a better understanding of these Best Value Solicitations we have scheduled five (5) Equipment Pre-proposal Meetings to be held in late February and early March. The meetings will be in Billings, Helena, Missoula, Kalispell, and Coeur d'Alene. For the times, dates, and specific locations go to the NRCG website listed above and click on the 2011 Equipment Pre-proposal Meetings.

Additional assistance is available free through Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTAC) located in Idaho and Montana. PTAC provides valuable information to businesses seeking to compete successfully in Federal, State, and local government contracting. To locate your nearest PTAC, visit their website at <http://www.aptac-us.org/new/>.

We look forward to your participation in the 2011 fire season.

Sincerely,

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