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To: Regional Foresters, Station Directors, Area Director, IITF Director and Deputy Chiefs

OPTIONAL REPLY DUE MAY 5, 2009

National solicitation templates have been drafted by the Contract Equipment Task Team for equipment to be competitively solicited to support fire suppression and all-risk incidents in 2010. Input across a variety of disciplines is critical to ensure that requirements meet the needs of incident management teams. Please distribute widely to provide an opportunity for acquisition, finance, fire operations, and logistics personnel to review the templates.

Final draft requirements for water handling, heavy equipment with water, and crew carrier buses are enclosed. They will also be posted on [FedBizOpps](#) for vendors to review and offer comment. ([Full solicitation templates](#) may be found on the Incident Procurement Web site.) If any part of the specifications will have a major affect on the ability to support fire suppression and all-risk incidents, provide comments to vrpist@fs.fed.us by May 5, 2009.

Soliciting for this equipment is in accordance with the revised [National Solicitation Plan for Competitive Preseason Incident BPAs](#). Fire and Aviation Management (F&AM) and Acquisition Management have deferred several equipment categories that were scheduled for competition in 2010. These items will be reviewed further and either rescheduled or dropped based on F&AM's need for these resources on incidents, frequency of use, and commercial availability.

In addition, only three (of nine) national templates have been developed for non-competitive solicitations (ref: 6300 memo dated 11/4/08). [Templates](#) for chippers, modular office, and vehicles with driver are available and required for use on any new agreements.

If you have any questions, please contact Tory Henderson/WO/USDAFS or Shane A LaValley/WO/USDAFS.

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Enclosures

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