
*2022 VIPR Solicitation Template Change Summary
Heavy Equipment with Water, Refrigerated Trailer
Water Handling, Weed Washing Unit*

PURPOSE

The following information is provided as a summary of changes only to requirements and/or specifications pertinent to the following IBPA templates scheduled to be resolicited in 2022.

THIS DOCUMENT IS NOT A LIST OF ALL CHANGES INCORPORATED IN THESE TEMPLATES AND ONLY APPLIES TO THE TEMPLATES MENTIONED BELOW. For example, some FAR clauses and the DOL Wage Determination have also been updated in these templates.

It is the responsibility of the offeror to read and understand the solicitation prior to submitting a quote.

Questions related to requirements and specifications should be directed to the appropriate Contract Operations Specialist located in the geographic area where you live. For a list of Contract Operations Specialists, go to the [Procurement and Property Services \(PPS\), Incident Procurement](#) website.

CHANGE FORMAT

No change: Text currently in agreement that remains unchanged appears as normal text.

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Heavy Equipment with Water

D.2.1.2 Equipment Requirements

(2) Equipment modified to transport water, such as skidgines, shall be configured in a manner that the center of gravity for the vehicle is within the design limits of the original equipment. The contractor shall be responsible for providing **aftermarket** certification **in accordance with Exhibit M**.

NOTE: *Contractors offering equipment modified to transport water, such as skidgines and pumper cats, are required to provide certification the equipment is within the design limits of the original manufacturer. Language requiring certification from a licensed mechanical engineer was removed. **Certification is still required; however, the person doesn't need to be a licensed mechanical engineer.** See Exhibit M, "AFTERMARKET EQUIPMENT CERTIFICATION" form in the solicitation.*

D.2.1.2 Equipment Requirements

(16) **Programmable Radio.** One (1) handheld programmable radio. Radios must be capable of communicating within a minimum frequency range from 138 MHz to 174 MHz in the narrowband (12.5 KHz) mode on established Federal and state frequencies. Modified radios are not acceptable. Only radios listed on the National Interagency Fire Centers National Interagency Incident Communications Divisions website <https://www.nifc.gov/resources/NIICD/niicd-documents> are approved. Inquiries for approved radios should be directed to:

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Bill Forsyth

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NOTE: *The requirement to provide a radio is for communication between equipment operators, the Heavy Equipment Boss and other fire line personnel. This requirement is consistent with other VIPR agreements requiring equipment operators to provide a radio.*

D.2.1.2.2 – Skidgines

(a) In addition to D.2.1.2, skidgines shall have:

(1) Skidgines - Tires shall have load ratings in accordance with the equipment Gross Vehicle Weight Ratings (GVWR). All tires on the equipment shall have sound sidewalls and adequate tire tread depth to hold tire chains. ~~Chains are optional in the Pacific Northwest Region (R6) but required in all other Regions.~~

NOTE: *This change aligns all geographic areas with the same requirement.*

D.2.2 -- Transportation.

If the transport is retained by the incident for transporting other equipment, the company owning the transport must have ~~an existing agreement issued under the Heavy Equipment solicitation~~ a valid agreement and must be ordered with a separate resource order number. The point of hire will be the incident. For initial attack/severity, transport is required to remain with the equipment.

NOTE: *The intent behind this change is to provide greater flexibility for incidents to obtain a transport for hauling equipment.*

D.6.2 Ranking of Awarded Resources for Dispatch Priority.

(e) Advantages

(1) SKIDGINES POSSIBLE POINTS:

Gallons Hauled (Type 1) 274 points

Gallons Hauled (Type 2) 236 points

Gallons Hauled (Type 3 and 4) 150 points

Foam Proportioner (Type 1 and 2) 27 points

Foam Proportioner (Type 3 & 4) 60 points

Monitor (Type 1 and 2 only) 27 points

Winch or Grapple (Type 3 & 4 only) 118 points

Attribute, not given points: Detachable Tank with Grapple* ~~(Type 3 and 4 only)~~

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*NOTE: This attribute will be listed on the priority dispatch list and if the incident specifically orders the equipment with this attribute, vendors offering that attribute will be given preference as they appear on the priority dispatch list.

NOTE: *This change allows all Skidgines, Types 1-4, to provide a detachable tank with grapple.*

EXHIBIT M – FORMS AND CHECKLISTS

The current equipment inspection forms will be replaced with a minimum equipment inventory list. The list will identify items and quantity required to be provided with the equipment. Space will be provided to list optional items or quantities carried.

NOTE: *The intent of this change is to clarify the items and quantities required to be provided with the equipment. It is recommended contractors print and have the list readily available if requested by the agency for inspection purposes.*

Water Handling

D.2.1.2 -- Equipment Requirement. All equipment shall have:

(a) In addition to these requirements, engines and tenders shall meet all [Federal and State Motor Vehicle Requirements](#).

(d) Tow-behind units are not acceptable. ~~for Engines or Tactical Water Tenders.~~

D.2.3 -- Programmable Radio: Engines and Water Tenders.

(b) Radios must be capable of communicating within a minimum frequency range of 138 MHz to 174 MHz in the narrowband (12.5 KHz) mode on established Federal and state frequencies.

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NOTE: *Updated website and contact for inquiries about radio requirements.*

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Water Handling (continued)

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EXHIBIT N – QUALIFICATIONS
RECORD KEEPING.

A. Contractor Responsibilities:


DELETE

~~Upon written request from an employee or previous employee, within ten days the Contractor will make available copies of all documentation to the employee relative to the individual's training and experience.~~

NOTE: *This change is recommended to allow companies to develop and implement management policy and best practices for all employee training records.*

EXHIBIT N – QUALIFICATIONS
WILDLAND FIRE PERSONNEL QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

EXAMPLE INCIDENT IDENTIFICATION / QUALIFICATION CARD

<u>JONES CONTRACTING, INC.</u> IDENTIFICATION CARD	
Name:	
Employee Number:	
Pack Test: (Level/Date MM-DD-YY)	
Refresher Training: (Date MMDDYY)	
Language Evaluation (SLE/SLS)	
CRWB	10-07-02
ENGB	06-10-03

NOTE: *Exhibit N provides an example Incident Identification / Qualification Card. The required date of the individual's annual refresher training was added to the card.*

Weed Washing Unit

NO CHANGES TO SPECIFICATIONS OR REQUIREMENTS

Refrigerated Trailer

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