

Interagency Incident Blanket Purchase Agreements

A number of questions have come up pertaining to interagency sharing of the preseason incident procurement workload. The Forest Service values these partnerships, and wants to provide clarification on the responsibilities that the Forest Service has in the procurement process, whether the FS or the partner is the lead agency:

Requirement	FS Lead	Partner Lead	Comments
Competitive Preseason Incident Agreements			
Competition *	Required	Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Only pertains to competitive solicitations for equipment types that the Region uses. ▪ Competition requirement takes effect according to the FS Competitive Solicitation Plan timetable.
FS Template Use	Required	Optional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Use of FS template is strongly encouraged
Use of VIPR	Required	Not Permitted by DOI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Per DOI policy, DOI employees will not use VIPR for preseason agreements
Non-Competitive Preseason Incident Agreements			
FS Template Use	Required	Optional	See above
Use of VIPR	New - Required; Existing - Not possible	Not Permitted by DOI	New - see above Existing – are not standardized, therefore are not supported in VIPR.

Preseason agreements do not fall under the urgent & compelling need exception allowed in the Federal Acquisition Regulations (48 CFR 6); therefore competition is required.