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

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Enclosed are final drafts of the national solicitation templates for equipment that will be used on a non-competitive basis to support fire suppression and all-risk incidents in 2009. These templates are to be used when entering into preseason non-competitive agreements, known as non-competitive I-BPAs. The format of the templates is very similar to the competitive I-BPAs that are currently being awarded by several regions. The Contract Equipment Task Team (CETT), working in conjunction with the Fire, Equipment, Services, and Supplies Acquisition Analysis (FESSAA) Team, developed the templates at the request of field personnel for equipment categories that are used frequently and would benefit from some standardization and automation. The templates also provide for the use of VIPR in issuing the agreement.

The templates are intended to provide consistency in form and content, but retain a flexibility to be useful on a broad, national basis. Please consider that as you complete your review.

The Schedule and Section D for equipment requirements and personnel requirements are enclosed for the following types of equipment:

1. Ambulance (2 types)
2. Bus, Motor Coach
3. Bus, Shuttle
4. Chainsaw/Small Equipment Repair
5. Chipper (2 types)
6. Office, Modular
7. Pack String
8. Vehicle with Driver

In addition to the specifications, a full version of the ambulance template is provided so you can see what the preseason non-competitive I-BPA will look like in its entirety. Some clauses may not be applicable and those are marked accordingly.



Please distribute widely to provide an opportunity for your acquisition, finance, fire operations, and logistics personnel to review the templates. If any part of the specifications will have a major affect on your ability to support fire suppression and all-risk incidents please provide those comments to vrdpist@fs.fed.us by December 3, 2008.

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