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To: Regional Foresters

Last fall (ref: 6300 memos dated 8/14/2008 and 9/17/2008) I requested assistance from your staffs with implementation of the Virtual Incident Procurement (VIPR) System. Since then, VIPR Implementation Team representatives have been engaged in planning, communicating, and coordinating activities within each region to prepare affected employees and vendors to understand and interact with the new system.

VIPR was deployed in January and has been heavily used by the regions to prepare for this fire season. Regional Fire Contracting Officers solicited and awarded new 3-year preseason incident BPAs (I-BPAs), and performed the annual review and renewal of existing agreements that were migrated from other databases. Production counts as of July 27 include: 66 solicitations, 1419 vendors, 7902 vendor resources (pieces of equipment) and 1389 agreements.

These are major accomplishments toward complying with the FAR and OIG recommendations for an automated, national system that provides for efficiencies in our preseason procurement activities. It is the accumulation of more than three years of bringing consistency to an area of procurement that has been an independent process.

The Implementation Team has completed its responsibilities. We will continue to hold regular conference calls with Fire COs and other interested parties to discuss VIPR and other Incident Procurement policies and issues.

Thank you to everyone involved for your dedication toward the successful implementation of VIPR.

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