

VIPR VENDOR INFORMATION FOR FY 2012

The Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, has been changing the way equipment with operators is obtained to support wildland fire suppression. Many resources are formally competed in the Virtual Incident Procurement System (VIPR). VIPR is a Web-based incident procurement system designed to award and administer Incident-Blanket Purchase Agreements (I-BPAs). To learn more about VIPR or to view awarded agreements or Dispatch Priority Lists visit the web at <http://www.fs.fed.us/business/incident/vipr.php>.

Solicitation packages called Requests for Quotation (RFQ) are published online at FedBizOpps (FBO) <https://www.fbo.gov> for vendors to review. Vendor responses are returned electronically using the VIPR Vendor Application. Please visit the VIPR website for information about the VIPR Pilot Vendor Application: <http://www.fs.fed.us/business/incident/pilotvendorapp.php>

In the Southwestern Region (Arizona, New Mexico, and parts of West Texas and Oklahoma) several categories of equipment will be advertised for the Fiscal Year 2012 season between October 2011 and March 2012. To find notices and solicitations for VIPR, visit the FedBizOpps (FBO) website <https://www.fbo.gov> and type the word "VIPR" into the search box titled Keyword/Solicitation#. Notices from the entire Forest Service will appear. Look for Southwestern Region, Region 3 in the title. Here is the equipment being competed on a regional basis. All equipment awarded in either 2010 or 2011 is due for the annual review and possible price adjustments (rollover modifications). No new equipment of those types can be added until the next competition, generally three years from when it was awarded. A small number of resources are competed on a national basis; they are included here also.

REGIONAL RESOURCES	2012	2013	2014
Mobile Laundry Units AG-8371-S-12-7000	X		
Portable toilets/wheelchair accessible portable toilets/ portable handwashing stations AG-8371-S-12-7001	X		
Potable and gray water trucks and trailer-mounted handwashing station AG-8371-S-12-7002	X		
Water handling equipment (engines, tactical water tenders, support water tenders)		X	
Weed Washing Unit		X	
Clerical Support Units			X
Tents			X
Heavy Equipment—dozers, excavators, and transports			X
Mechanic with Service Truck			X
Fuel Tenders	X		X
Helicopter Operations Support Trailers			X
Refrigerated Trailers		X	
NATIONAL RESOURCES			
GIS Unit			X
Bus, Crew Carrier			X
Communications Trailer			X

LOCAL RESOURCES: The following list of templates is available for 2012; however, Region 3 will compete only the Aircraft Rescue Firefighting Apparatus and the Miscellaneous Heavy Equipment. The remaining resources will be hired commercially when needed or on an incident-only Emergency Equipment Rental Agreement (EERA). Talk to your local Contracting Officer (CO) about being added to a list of potential vendors if you are interested in providing any of these resource categories. Your local CO can provide a copy of the template for any of these resources. If you wish to provide equipment with operator, you must obtain the required RT-130 Fire Refresher training. The Forest Service does not provide this training. You can do an internet search on Wildland Fire training. Check with your local fire department and community college to find sources in your area.

Vehicles with drivers
Mobile sleeper unit
Copiers
Coach bus
Chainsaw repair kits
Aircraft Rescue Firefighting Apparatus (Synopsis to be published on FBO the week of January 23)
ATVs/UTVs
Chippers
Misc Heavy Equipment (Feller bunchers/Masticators/Road Graders/Skidlers) (will compete regionally in VIPR) AG-8371-S-12-7004
Vehicle rentals – passenger vehicles and trucks without operators
Computers & printers

Check FBO for the most current information. For all resource categories, it is imperative that vendors read and follow the instructions in the Original Synopsis posted in FBO for what is required to respond to a solicitation.

Several other resource categories have already been competed in VIPR and have been awarded agreements. Each particular resource is competed only once every three years. If you missed a competition or have other equipment not listed here and are interested in being placed on a list of potential vendors to be called in the event of a shortage of equipment, please complete the following information sheet and send it to your local Contracting Office.

If you have any other type of equipment for use in wildland fire suppression, contact the Contracting Office at your local Forest Supervisor's Office for more information or to place your business on a potential vendors list. You can find contact information for your local forest on the Region 3 website. The Western Acquisition Zone located on the Tonto NF handles contracts for the Tonto, Coconino, Prescott, and Kaibab National Forests. The Northern Acquisition Zone located on the Cibola NF also handles contracts for the Carson and Santa Fe National Forests.

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