

VIPR VENDOR INFORMATION FOR FY 2013

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 2013 season between October 2012 and March 2013. 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. Equipment being competed on a regional basis is listed in the table. All equipment previously awarded in VIPR will receive an annual review and possible price adjustments (called rollover modifications). *No new equipment or additional vendors can be added until the next competition, usually three years from the award year.* A small number of resources are competed on a national basis; they are included here also.

REGIONAL RESOURCES	2012	2013	2014
Mobile Laundry Units	X		
Portable toilets/wheelchair accessible portable toilets/ portable handwashing stations	X		
Potable and gray water trucks and trailer-mounted handwashing station	X		
Water handling equipment (engines, tactical water tenders, support water tenders) AG-8371-S-13-7000		X	
Weed Washing Unit ¹		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 ²		X*	
NATIONAL RESOURCES			
GIS Unit			X
Bus, Crew Carrier			X
Communications Trailer			X

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. For instance, the Water Handling solicitation (engines and water tenders) requires specialized training that is not provided by the government. In addition, the equipment must carry an entire list of firefighting equipment and personal protective equipment to meet the contract requirements.

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 an equipment shortage, please complete the following information sheet and send it to **your local Contracting Office**. You must meet all of the requirements listed in the solicitation for competed equipment and must be registered as a vendor. Details are in the *Preseason Incident Procurement* brochure.

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 handles contracts for the Cibola, Carson, and Santa Fe National Forests.

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/r3>

¹ Weed washing units will be expired for the FY2013 season and will be hired commercially as needed. R3 will not be re-competing this resource.

² Refrigerated trailers will be hired commercially as needed. They will not be competed in R3.

