National Type 2 Initial Attack Firefighting Crews Contract

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This document was created to provide helpful guidelines and clarifications regarding payment issues for the National Type 2 IA Crew Contracts. The full text of the contract and current year contract prices can be obtained by request from each contractor. Further information can also be found here: https://fsweb.wo.fs.fed.us/pps/pages/incident/logistics/?tab=contacts (Internal Forest Service) https://www.fs.usda.gov/business/incident/ (External). Listed below are the ten companies, with their respective contract numbers, that currently have a contract with the Forest Service to provide Type 2IA Crews:

A.S.I Arden Solutions	1202SC22T2301	Lost River Fire Mgmt	1202SC22T2306
Big State Wildfire	1202SC22T2302	Miller Timber Srvc	1202SC22T2307
Diamond Fire	1202SC22T2303	North Pacific Forestry	1202SC22T2308
Firestorm Wildland Fire	1202SC22T2304	Pacific Oaisis	1202SC22T2309
Grayback Forestry	1202SC22T2305	PatRick Environmental	1202SC22T2310

Documents required for payment: Resource Order, lodging receipts (if applicable) and Emergency Equipment Use Invoice (OF-286) signed by the Contractor's Representative AND Government Representative. A copy of the contract is not required to be submitted to ASC with the invoice. ASC has copies of all the contracts including DUNS and TAX ID numbers. ******Update as of June 1, 2023 CTR's are no longer required to be sent into ASC for FS Payments (reference this link for further information https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/fire/ibp/payments)******

Payment Office for Suppression and All Hazard Incidents: Regardless of the user unit, ALL incident payments for Type 2IA Crews will be processed by the Albuquerque Service Center SM.FS.asc_eera@usda.gov . Reference Section C.29 for full text of all payment clauses (below are the most used sections):

C.29.1 (b) Crew Downgrade Clause: When a crew is downgraded from Type 2-IA to Type 2, the Government will deduct 10% from the hourly rate and will pay the lower rate until the requirements in Table D.2 are met. The deduction shall be clearly documented on the Crew Time Report (CTR) by the Government Representative responsible for supervising the crew. The downgrade determination usually occurs when the required crew experience level drops below 60%. (At least 60% of the crew must have one season or more experience).

C.29.1 (d) The Daily Guarantee does not apply when the crew is non-compliant. Contractor will be paid for the actual hours worked prior to becoming noncompliant.

C.29.1 (e) Only the Crew Boss is required to attend operational period briefings, and therefore is entitled to payment for this time. A maximum of four persons per crew may attend the briefings with compensation if such is requested by the Government in advance and approved in writing on the Crew Time Report. The following positions apply: Crew Boss or Trainee, and Squad Boss

or Trainee and ICT5. Trainees must have an initiated Task Book and be listed on the Crew Manifest as such and must be acknowledged and documented upon check-in at the incident.

During rare occasions, briefings may be ordered by the Government for the entire crew. When entire crew briefings are ordered by the Government, the order must be in advance and approved in writing on the Crew Time Report.

C.29.1 (f) Off-Shift Duties: No additional payment will be made for costs associated with crew support such as tool sharpening, equipment maintenance, invoice reconciliation, laundry service, check out, or any other off-shift activities related to crew readiness beyond the guarantees set forth herein.

C.29.1 (h) Overnight allowance and meal allowance: *(updated for 2023)*****

(1) Overnight Allowance

When the Government cannot provide a campsite, and if authorized by the user unit and properly receipted and invoiced, the Government will pay actual lodging expenses or the per diem locality rate published by the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) website (www.gsa.gov), whichever is less. While in travel status to or from incidents actual lodging expenses are reimbursable. For any lodging expenses invoiced at single occupancy, the reimbursement payment shall be reduced by 50% for each room singly occupied. If the NCC has an odd number of male or female crew members an additional room may be authorized. Double occupancy rates may be higher but must not exceed double the locality lodging rate published by GSA. Any associated lodging taxes are reimbursable as documented on the lodging invoice.

Notwithstanding the user unit authorization above, the Overnight Allowance is authorized while in travel status when the Contractor cannot reach an assigned destination due to the Incident Operation Driving Guidelines driving limitations.

(2) Meal Allowance

When no food and drink are provided by the Government, after the first date of dispatch, an allowance equal to the current locality per diem meal and incidental expense (M&IE) rate per person per day will be paid. Meal allowance is paid while in travel status, after the first date of dispatch. If certain meal periods (i.e. Breakfast, lunch or dinner) are provided by the Government (on any given day), that shall be documented on the Crew Time Report and deducted from the current M&IE allowance for that given day. If the crew is being fed all three meals in camp, no M&IE allowance is authorized. If the crew earns any meal on a given day, they are also entitled to the incidentals portion of the M&IE allowance for that given day. When the crew is released from one incident and reassigned to another incident prior to returning to its DDP, the Government will provide for an M&IE allowance beginning with the first date of dispatch of the new incident if no food and drink are provided by the Government.

Determining if NCC is in a Travel Status:

Per Diem authorizations may be issued when the NCC is under hire for more than 12 hours in each day, and the work site exceeds a 35-mile

radius of the Crews DDP address. This must be documented in writing on the crew time report remarks section.

If the travel period exceeds 12 hours but the NCC does not obtain overnight accommodations, reimbursement is limited to the M&IE portion of the current locality per diem rate.

If the Government does not provide for a camp site and the NCC is authorized overnight accommodations, then reimbursement will be made IAW Section C.25 (h)(1).

Per Diem is only authorized if the travel is greater than 12 hours and the worksite exceeds the 35-mile radius.

NOTE: The above Allowances are limited to the number of persons shown on the Crew Time Report. In no case shall these allowances be paid to more than twenty persons per shift. See https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates/mie-breakdown for the current M&IE Breakdown.

C.29.1 (j) Ordered Rest: When directed by the Government in its effort to address agency work/rest guidelines, rest is paid at 8 hours per person per day at the full hourly fire suppression rate. When directed by the Government to have Ordered Rest in the next closest town, the NCC will be entitled to compensation for Lodging and meals IAW Section C.29.1 (h).

D.1.18 First Aid, Emergency Evacuation, and Accidents:

(a) The Government may provide first aid, but any costs associated with further medical treatment will be the responsibility of the Contractor. If Contractor personnel are injured on the fireline, the Government may evacuate the injured person(s). If Contractor personnel are in camp with an illness or injury and require transport to a medical facility/hospital, the associated cost of ground transport will be at the Contractor's expense. If the Government determines that the injury is life threatening and requires Life Flight, associated costs will be paid by the Government.

(b) Contractor shall provide the Crew Boss with an adequate supply of appropriate insurance forms, insurance ID cards, and other documents necessary to facilitate medical treatment of Contractor personnel. Such documents must accompany the injured person(s) when a medical need arises.

Payment Office for Project Work: The benefitting Agency that is ordering and funding the project will process the payment through their appropriate Paying Unit in accordance with their Agency Procedures. Reference Section C.3.2 & C.29.5 (b) for project work. The ordering official of project work shall provide a copy of each task order issued to the National Contracting Officer in order to track obligations towards the minimum guarantee. State or local agencies have no existing authority to order Project Work under this contract.

******Update 2023 Type 2IA crews can be utilized through the ICS system for Prescribed Fire activities and Fire Suppression activities but must follow the Task Order Process for any project work*** Reference the FAQ document located here: https://fsweb.wo.fs.fed.us/pps/pages/incident/logistics/?tab=contacts***

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