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SUBJECT: USFS & DOI Aircraft Procurement, Release vs Reassigned

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DISCUSSION: During this busy fire season numerous questions have arisen regarding the procurement of aircraft services as it relates to using either a USFS or DOI contract aircraft; and when does the initial hiring mechanism change from one agency to another agency? **The helicopter manager and vendor are the responsible parties in determining the initial path to take, depending on the original resource order and contract jurisdiction.** Please reference the information **below** to assist you in determining what agency initially hired the aircraft and if and when this should change to a different agency. On the following page are web links to assigned Task Order numbers and instructions for completing the Department of Interior's (DOI) Aviation Management System (AMS) payment process.

Air Attack Fixed Wing / Type 3 Helicopters: DOI On-Call Contract or USFS Regional Call When Needed Contract.

USFS Fire - Vendor hired under the USFS contract

Form - 122

System - ABS

Stay with this system until resource is "RELEASED" (demobilized), no matter how many reassignments take place to other land ownerships.

USFS Fire - Vendor hired under the DOI contract

Form - AMD23e

System - AMS

Stay with this system until resource is "RELEASED" (demobilized), no matter how many reassignments take place to other land ownerships.

All the above is true on the reverse side if the initial fire is DOI as follows:

DOI Fire - Vendor hired under the USFS contract

Form - 122

System - ABS

Stay with this system until resource is "RELEASED" (demobilized), no matter how many reassignments take place to other land ownerships.

DOI Fire - Vendor hired under the DOI contract

Form - AMD23e

System - AMS

Stay with this system until resource is "RELEASED" (demobilized), no matter how many reassignments take place to other land ownerships.

Type 1 & 2 Helicopters: USFS National Call When Needed Contract, Type 1 & Type 2 Helicopters:**DOI Fire - Vendor hired under the USFS contract (Type 1/2 Helos)**Form - AMD23e *using vendor assigned DOI Fire Task order numbers*

System - AMS

Stay with this system until resource is "RELEASED" (demobilized), no matter how many reassignments take place to other land ownerships.

USFS Fire - Vendor hired under the USFS contract

Form - 122

System - ABS

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National Call- When -Needed helicopters (T1/2) that are hired under State contract authority for non-federal incidents must be released and rehired by the National Interagency Coordination Center prior to commitment to federal incidents

Assigned Fire Task Orders and Instructions on completing DOI Aviation Management Systems (AMS) payment process are available at the following websites along with the information that you will need to complete the electronic AMD-23e:

[AMD-23E-InstructionsCWN.pdf](#)

[FIRE TASK ORDER NUMBERS.pdf](#)

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DEFINITIONS:

Released – Aircraft is released from the operational control of the government, demobilized - (there is a break in service, the vendor can move the aircraft at their discretion, and a final payment document for the assignment has been submitted).

Reassigned – Aircraft has not been released from the operational control of the government and there is no break in service. The payment process continues under the “initial hiring agency” process (AMD 23e or ABS 122) regardless of the number of reassignments or agency with operational control of the incident.

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