SUBJECT: USFS & DOI Aircraft Procurement, Release vs Reassigned

DISTRIBUTION: Aviation Operations

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 aviation 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 Information Report Support (AIRS) 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 FROM GOVERNMENT CONTROL", no matter how many reassignments take place to other land ownerships.

USFS Fire - Vendor hired under the DOI contract
Form - AMD23e
System - AIRS
Stay with this system until resource is "RELEASED FROM GOVERNMENT CONTROL", 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 FROM GOVERNMENT CONTROL", no matter how many reassignments take place to other land ownerships.

DOI Fire - Vendor hired under the DOI contract
Form - AMD23e
System - AIRS
Stay with this system until resource is "RELEASED FROM GOVERNMENT CONTROL", 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 - AIRS
Stay with this system until resource is "RELEASED FROM GOVERNMENT CONTROL", no matter how many reassignments take place to other land ownerships.

USFS Fire - Vendor hired under the USFS contract
Form - 122
System - ABS
Stay with this system until resource is "RELEASED FROM GOVERNMENT CONTROL", no matter how many reassignments take place to other land ownerships.

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 (NICC) prior to commitment to federal incidents

National CWN T1 and T2 helicopter fire and resource orders are processed by NICC, the FS National Aircraft Coordinator, and the Contracting Officer to ensure closest resource or best value. Contact the Forest Service National Aircraft Coordinator for specifics.

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

https://www.doi.gov/aviation/aqd/airs

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USFS Regional Type 3 Helicopters contact appropriate USFS Regional Contracting Officer:
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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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