



Procurement – Small Business Activities

Forest Service Aviation Overview

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Aviation Program Overview

Planes and helicopters are critical tools in managing wildland fire. Although aircraft are often used to fight wildfires, aircraft alone cannot put them out. Firefighters rely on planes and helicopters to:

- Deliver equipment and supplies.
- Deploy smokejumpers and rappellers to a fire.
- Transport firefighters.
- Provide reconnaissance of new fires, fire locations, and fire behavior.
- Drop fire retardant or water.
- Ignite prescribed fires.

Who Executes Contracts

The Aviation Contracting Branch (located at the National Interagency Fire Center) supports the acquisition of airtankers, helicopters, light fixed wing aircraft, aircraft maintenance, crew transport, and related aviation support including consulting, aircraft purchase, contract pilots, and equipment.

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Upcoming Contracting Opportunities

OPPORTUNITY	CONTRACT TYPE
National Type 1 Helicopter Services	Multiple Award IDIQ
National Type 2 Helicopter Services	Multiple Award IDIQ
National Type 3 Helicopter Services	Multiple Award IDIQ
National Airtanker Services	Multiple Award IDIQ
National Light Fixed Wing Aerial Reconnaissance	Multiple Award IDIQ
National Light Fixed Wing Air Attack-Aerial Supervision	Multiple Award IDIQ