

Incident Acquisition Support

and the

Virtual Incident PRocurement System



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Discussion Items

- **OIG
Recommendations**
- **AQM Incident
Process Changes**
- **EaTIS**
- **VIPR**



OIG Audit

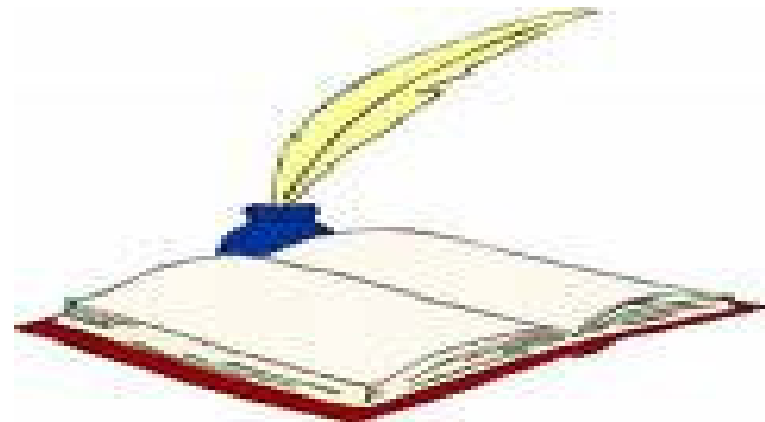
- **USDA OIG Audit Report: Forest Service Emergency Equipment Rental Agreements** (No. 08601-40-SF July 2005) determined:
 - Administration of EERA's neither gave the agency the best value nor the best vendor for its dollar.
 - Preplanning process does not fully utilize the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) and other sound business practices that would improve cost efficiencies and vendor effectiveness.

USDA OIG Audit Report FS EERAs Recommendations

1. Do pre-season EERAs on competitive basis
2. Maintain competitive pricing in EERA database
3. Establish suitable Acquisition Cycle
4. Develop & implement mandatory performance evaluation system
5. Maintain past performance information in EERA database
6. Use past performance in best value analysis when awarding during preseason and at the incident
7. Establish preseason inspections
8. Establish a rating system for inspections
9. Use equipment quality in best value analysis
10. Upgrade EERA database to sort and produce reports
11. Link EERA database to ROSS (track historical use)

Establishing EERA Policy

- To meet USDA OIG Audit objectives & decrease cost:
 - FAR based
 - Best value driven
 - Consistent nationally



EERA Process Changes FY 2007 - 2010

- National Competitive Solicitation Plan
- National Solicitation Templates
- Uniform Equipment Inspections
- Standardized Performance Evaluations

National Solicitation Plan for Competitive EERAs/I-BPAs

- Competition phase-in over 4 years
- Solicitations cover 3 year period
- FY 2008 competitions:
 - Faller module
 - GIS unit
 - Mobile laundry
 - Clerical office support
 - Tent
 - Mechanic w/ service truck
 - Refrigeration trailer

National Solicitation Plan for Competitive EERAs/I-BPAs (cont)

- FY 2009 competitions:
 - Dozer/Excavators w/transport
 - Transports
 - Potable Water/Gray Water/Trailer Mounted Handwashing Stations
 - Portable Toilets/Portable Handwashing Stations

National Solicitation Templates

- Standard equipment specifications
- Best Value award
 - Reasonable Price
 - Pass / Fail
 - Past Performance
 - Qualified Personnel
 - Minimum Equipment Standards
- Priority Dispatch
 - Choosing by Advantages criteria
 - Determines a value / \$

Uniform Equipment Inspections

- National consistency as to what equipment is inspected to what degree
- Balancing risk and cost, case by case
- Pre-award, preseason, random or no inspection

Standardized Performance Evaluations

- Contractor Performance System (CPS)
- Required by USDA
- Available government-wide – facilitate Interagency use
- Better suited for equipment (v. crew form)
- Evaluations performed by Fire –
Supervisor of equipment at incident

EaTIS –

Equipment and Training Inventory System

- Used as pilot in FY 2006 – R1, R5 & R6
- Continue support of EaTIS thru FY 2008 for existing pilot units
- Use EaTIS as a prototype
- Develop a replacement system, Virtual Incident Procurement (VIPR)

VIPR – Virtual Incident PRocurement System

- Implementation in November 2008
- All preseason incident procurement instruments
 - Preseason Incident BPAs (EERA)
 - Aviation contracts
 - National contracts
- Front-end load Dispatch (ROSS) & Payment Systems (later versions)

VIPR Phased Releases

Version 1.0: Nov 2008

- Preseason Incident BPA
 - CO creates solicitations
 - Vendor response
 - Award agreement
 - Create Priority Dispatch List
- Data migration from EaTIS to VIPR

Deferred to Future Releases

- Integration with ROSS
- Tracking of vendor training/qualifications (TBD)
- Aviation contracts
- National contracts
- Interagency capabilities

eAuthentication

- Level 2 eAuthentication is required to access VIPR
 - When: Fall, 2008
 - Why: Respond to new solicitations
Access existing preseason agreements
- It provides the ability to conduct official electronic business transactions via the internet.

eAuthentication

- Process
 - Establish an eAuthentication account at the USDA website at <http://www.eauth.egov.usda.gov/eauthCreateAccount.html>.
 - Vendors must have a valid email address to register for an account with Level 2 Access.
 - Vendors will create a customer profile with a User ID and a password then respond to a confirmation email within seven (7) days.
 - Once an eAuthentication account is established, vendors will be required to visit a Local Registration Authority (LRA) with a picture ID to verify their identity.
 - Currently LRAs exist at USDA Service Centers.

Summary

- Significant changes to the incident procurement process.
- Vendors are encouraged to be engaged by reviewing draft solicitations; providing input; and staying informed.
- Transition is expected to occur over several years.

Questions?

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