



Topic One
VIPR
Agreements



Topic two
Type 2
Contract
Crews



Across the
Board – Out
of Region
Dispatches



How do we
move these
forward?

VIPR AGREEMENTS – INCIDENT BLANKET PROCUREMENT AGREEMENTS

■ Issues

- While the award process includes some consideration for past performance the DPL is closest, cheapest resources, no performance. Language out of their National Dispatch Standard Operating Guide For Contracted Resources states:
 - I-BPAs are awarded preseason using a best value award process and by using Choosing by Advantages (CBA) methodology to determine the dispatch priority. Award is based on reasonable price, acceptable past performance, qualified personnel and minimum equipment standards.
 - The CBA determines the priority dispatch order for the equipment on the Dispatch Priority List (DPL) based on price and various equipment and/or personnel attributes.

VIPR AGREEMENTS

- **The VIPR Agreements are system driven.... What the means.**
- **FESSA Team which sets the standards for the National Template.**
- **Competitive Range - The FESSAA group does an annual price analysis that is used to monitor “cost avoidance” with respect to the OIG Audit and the appropriations bill. In 2004 congress directed the agency to reduce fire procurement costs by 10%. The analysis highlights where prices are competitive, high or low. We have seen the agencies in the last two years come back to vendors under the VIPR agreement and as them to rebid due to prices that are two high.**

TYPE 2 HAND CREWS – ADMINISTERED BY OREGON DEPT OF FORESTRY

■ Issues

- The agreement was bid based on a ranking system for state wide priority dispatch for state fires after Initial Attack.
- Currently that is done based on closest host unit instead. That has devalued this contract.
- NWCC has taken over dispatch of fires after some cases in a PL2 or higher. They dispatch based on closest cheapest force now.

ACROSS THE BOARD

- **The current business model used by the agencies for dispatching resources does not work for the contract resources.**
- **Currently private resources in a high risk region are being held by the GACC without pay. There is NO language that says they can do that in our agreements, additionally in the National Dispatch Standard Operating Guide For Contracted Resources it clearly states, “Dispatchers may not hold contracted resources in reserve as a contingency force in a non-pay status when that resource is available.”**
- **We need to be part of that business model.**

WHAT ARE WE DOING TO ADDRESS THESE?

■ Short Term:

- Working to educate GACC dispatch center managers/operations (IC's and Ops Chiefs) about the importance of days? Helping to learn about dispatching from their prospective and helping educate them about how their decisions
 - Got on the agenda for R6 Federal Agency IC Group to talk about contract requirements and how to help them get the best possible resource.
 - Had a ODF IC and a ex Area Commander attend our board meetings in an advisory capacity to get ideals on what they want and what they know.

■ Long Term:

- Work on Contractor Workshop Module to try to get in put into the Agency Training for Division Sups ect.
- Region 6 Contract Operations is planning to institute a module on contracting and we have offered to provide them our info.