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To: Executive Secretary of the Department of Defense

From: The National Interagency Fire Center

Subject: Request for DoD Support, MAFFS Certification, 2019 at Colorado Springs, Colorado

The National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) requests Department of Defense (DoD) assets for conducting annual Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System (MAFFS) certification exercises in 2019. MAFFS certification consists of both ground instruction and associated practice air drops (water) for certification in coordination with federal land management agency leadplanes. These certification events are currently scheduled for 6-10 May 2019 for the four Airlift Wings (AWs) tasked with this mission.

NIFC requests the following DoD assets for training of personnel from the 146AW, 152AW, 153AW, 302AW:

- Deployment location for the main recertification exercise is Peterson Airforce Base at KCOS.
- Six (6) C-130H, two (2) C-130J aircraft capable of transporting and employing MAFFS systems.
- Flight crews from the aforementioned AWs requiring initial and re-currency MAFFS certification for the 2019 fire season. This equates to approximately 40 crews total.
- Associated ground personnel, equipment and support aircraft for MAFFS certification.
- Sufficient personnel from each of the MAFFS airlift wings (146AW, 153AW, 302AW, 152AW) and Air Mobility Command (AMC) are invited to attend to ensure continued standardization.
- Request MAFFS be operational 6 May 2019 no later 1200L at KCOS.

This RFA is for the period 27 April – 14 May, 2019. This will accommodate coordination, system loading/unloading and configuration, crew ground training and flight activities.

All DoD incurred costs in support will be reimbursed in accordance with 31 USC, Section 1535 of the Economy Act to include pay and allowances. Sufficient funds will be obligated upon receipt of estimated DoD costs of this certification training and support.

The NIFC POC for financial issues is Isabel Rueda, 303-275-5252 .

Questions concerning this Request for Assistance, contact Ms. Kim Christensen at NIFC, 208-387-5949.

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