

National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

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To: Geographic Area Coordination Group Chairs

From: National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group (NMAC)

Subject: National Infrared Operations Request for Infrared Operators

Due to decreased staffing levels, the National Infrared Operations (NIROPS) Branch is looking for interested individuals to fill multiple two-week fire assignments this summer. These assignments are for NIROPS Phoenix System Operators working to gather aerial infrared (IR) maps of wildland fires. No prior experience is necessary for filling these positions; however, interested individuals must meet the participation criteria listed below:

1. Employee's supervisor must approve recurring participation throughout the summer per the NIROPS Operator schedule. Although the schedule is set for two-week participation, the actual schedule may vary by one or two days due to aircraft and equipment availability.
2. Employee must participate in NIROPS conference calls for approximately 30 minutes every Wednesday throughout the summer.
3. Employee must possess a Government Travel Card.

The first assignment will consist of on-the-job training (OJT). The training will be provided by the National IR Technicians and consists of working one week as an operator trainee, followed by one week as an operator under the supervision of the IR Technician to reinforce the training.

The available dates for the OJT are:

Aug 09 – Aug 19

Aug 13 – Aug 26

Aug 27 – Sept 09

Sept 10 – Sept 23



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All travel to and from the assignments will be through commercial aircraft or government vehicle.

All missions will be flown in government aircraft.

NOTE: This job requires working nights, weekends and holidays as well as extensive travel. The National Interagency Incident Communications Division (NIICD) will cover all travel, per diem, and overtime. IR Operators typically work every day 1430-0230.

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