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MEMO TO: District Managers, Assistant District Manager, and Chief Rangers
MEMO FROM: Frank Sorrells, Chief of Forest Protection
SUBJECT: 2017 VFA/NFP Grant Program Announcement – 50/50 Match Grant
DATE: September 30th, 2016

Please share the following information with fire departments serving communities of less than 10,000 populations in your counties.

We will begin accepting requests for the NFP/VFA 50/50 and VFA Wildland PPE 50/50 grant, which allows purchases from the options listed below beginning on October 1, 2016. The attached grant application will be utilized to establish priority awards. If requesting from both grants, Cooperating Fire Departments should return a completed application, for each grant, to the RFD office in Macon by mail or fax no later than 4:30 P.M. on November 4th 2016. (See above mail / fax information)

Complete application, W-9 form and obtain three bids (with the exception of option 1, if RFD fabrication services are utilized), prior to submitting the packet. Be prepared to make the purchase and have all reimbursement documentation submitted no later than 4:30 PM on February 29, 2016. Any funds not spent by this date will be withdrawn.

Remember, a grant application is not valid and cannot be considered unless signed by the appropriate head of the Government entity requesting assistance. The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (see appendix A) must also be signed and included in application paperwork.

Options/Priorities

1. Skid units for quick response vehicles and GFC built water tenders
2. Wildland PPE
3. Firefighter safety equipment
4. Class A and/or B foam systems and foam.
5. Other ISO equipment*

* **Note: Breathing Apparatus and Radios are not available for purchase under this grant!**

This is a 50/50 matching grant Fire Departments may qualify for reimbursement of up to 50% of \$10,000.00 or \$5,000.00 maximum per government entity. The 50/50 matching rule will apply to all amounts less than the maximum.

Helpful Hints: Grants will be awarded based on the above mentioned priorities. Exact project descriptions, including pricing breakdown, will increase an application's chance for approval. **No** grant application will be considered without the signed Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act Agreement. (Included and attached)

*All applicants will be notified of their status, by mail.

I am available to answer any questions you may have regarding the current NFP/VFA Grant.