



**CONTRACT EXCEPTION
FORM
REQUEST TO HIRE EQUIPMENT FROM AN
IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER**



Vendor Name: _____
 Equipment or Service: _____
 Resource Order Number: _____
 Receiving Unit: _____
 Administering Unit: _____
 Request Completed By: _____
 Submittal Date: _____

1. What attempts by the administering office have been made to hire similar equipment or services (including contacts with vendors not on pre-season contract lists)?

2. Name of Forestry Employee or EFF who is related to Vendor

 Vendor's Relationship to Forestry Employee (i.e., parent, spouse, sibling)

What action will be taken to assure the Forestry employee or EFF has no influence on the contract?

VENDOR HIRE APPROVED

 Area FMO

 Date

VENDOR HIRE APPROVED

 Regional Forester

 Date

VENDOR HIRE NOT APPROVED

Comments and/or Special Conditions

Use back if additional space is required

VEHICLE/HEAVY EQUIPMENT PRE-USE INSPECTION CHECKLIST

GENERAL EQUIPMENT INFORMATION	
1. INCIDENT NAME/NO.	2. RESOURCE ORDER NO.
3. CONTRACTOR NAME	
4. AGREEMENT NO.	5. EXPIRATION DATE
6. MAKE/MODEL	7. EQUIPMENT TYPE
8. VIN/SERIAL NO.	9. LICENSE NO./STATE

Section I—HEAVY EQUIPMENT	Acceptable	
	YES	NO
1. ROPS, roll-over protection system: Manufacturer-approved system secured to mainframe of tractor. Must include approved seat belts.		
2. Gauges and lights: mounted and function properly.		
3. Battery: check for corrosion, loose terminals, and hold downs.		
4. Engine running: check oil pressure, knocks and leaks.		
5. Sweeps, deflectors, safety screens.	*	
6. Steering components: tight, free of play.	*	
7. Brakes: damaged, worn or out of adjustment.	*	
8. Exhaust system: equipped with a USFS-qualified spark arrester unless turbocharged.	*	
9. Fuel system: free of leaks and damage.	*	
10. Cooling system: full, free of leaks and damage.	*	
11. Fan and fan belts: check for proper tension. No fraying/cracks.		
12. Engine support, equalizer bar, springs, main springs: check shackle bolts, shifted spring leaf.	*	
13. Belly plate, radiator guards: securely mounted and free from debris.	*	
14. Final drive, transmission and differential: check for dripping.		
15. Sprocket and idlers: crack in spokes, sharp sprocket teeth, no welds.		
16. Tracks and rollers: no broken pads, loose rollers, broken flanges.	*	
17. Dozer and assembly: trunnion bolts missing, cracks.	*	
18. Rear hitch (drawbar): serviceable, safe.		
19. Body and cab condition: describe dents and damage.		
20. Equipment cleanliness: all areas free of flammable materials, noxious weeds, and invasive species.		
21. All hydraulic attachments: operate smoothly and all cylinders hold at extension; hose, lines, and pumps have no excessive wear and/or leaks.		
22. Backup or travel alarm (minimum 87 db).	*	
23. Oil level and condition: full and clean.		

Section II—ATTACHMENTS/PUMP/CHAINSAW/OR OTHER (Specify)	Acceptable	
	YES	NO
1. No missing/broken components, no loose hardware.		
2. Sufficient fluid levels (oil, coolant, etc.)		
3. Cutting bar: straight, chain in good condition.		
4. Cutting teeth: sharp, good repair.		
5. Pump: builds pressure, no water or oil leaks.		
6. Engine starts, idles, and shuts off with switch.		

Section V—REMARKS
(Describe all unsatisfactory items and identify by line number)

10. PRE-USE INSPECTION
<input type="checkbox"/> Accepted <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected
MILES/HRS _____ DATE _____ TIME _____
Inspector's printed name _____ Title _____
Inspector's signature _____

Section III—LIABILITY
The purpose of this checklist is to document pre-existing vehicle/equipment condition and to determine suitability for incident use. I hereby acknowledge full responsibility and liability for the operation and mechanical condition of the vehicle/equipment described herein.
Operator's printed name _____ Title _____
Operator's signature _____ Date _____

Section IV—TRANSPORT OR SUPPORT VEHICLES	Acceptable	
	YES	NO
1. "DOT" or CVSA inspection in the last 12 months (if required).	*	
2. Gauges and lights: mounted and function properly.	*	
3. Seat belts: operate properly for each seating position.	*	
4. Glass and mirrors, no cracks in vision.	*	
5. Wipers, washers, and horn operate properly.	*	
6. Clutch pedal: proper adjustment (if applicable).		
7. Cooling system: full, free of leaks and damage.		
8. Fluid levels (e.g. oil) and condition: full and clean.		
9. Battery: check for corrosion, loose terminals and hold downs.		
10. Fuel system: free of leaks and damage.	*	
11. Electrical system: alternator and starter work.		
12. Engine running: check oil pressure, knocks, and leaks.		
13. Transmission: check for leaks.		
14. Steering components: tight, free of play.	*	
15. Brakes: damaged, worn or out of adjustment.	*	
16. 4-Wheel drive: check transfer case, leaks (if applicable).		
17. Drive line U-joints: check for looseness.		
18. Suspension systems: springs, shocks, other.	*	
19. Differential(s): check for leaks.		
20. Exhaust system: no leaks under cab or before turbo.	*	
21. Frame condition, body/body properly attached.	*	
22. Tires/wheels (including spare and all changing equipment) sufficient load rating, tread depth, no major damage.	*	
23. Body and interior condition: describe and locate damage on back of page 3, Section IV, item 23.		
24. Emergency equipment required.	*	
Fire extinguisher _____ Spare fuses _____ Reflectors _____		
25. Operator(s) properly licensed. † Expiration Date _____		
State _____ License No _____ Class _____		
Endorsement _____ Med. Cert. Expiration Date _____		

11. RELEASE
<input type="checkbox"/> No Damage/No Claim
MILES/HRS _____ DATE _____ TIME _____
Operator's printed name _____ Title _____
Operator's signature _____ Date _____
Inspector's printed name _____ Title _____

Contractor _____ Resource Order No. _____

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT SHIFT TICKET				
<i>NOTE: The responsible Government Officer will update this form each day or shift and make initial and final equipment inspections.</i>				
1. AGREEMENT NUMBER		2. CONTRACTOR (name)		
3. INCIDENT OR PROJECT NAME		4. INCIDENT NUMBER	5. OPERATOR (name)	
6. EQUIPMENT MAKE		7. EQUIPMENT MODEL	8. OPERATOR FURNISHED BY <input type="checkbox"/> CONTRACTOR <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	
9. SERIAL NUMBER		10. LICENSE NUMBER	11. OPERATING SUPPLIES FURNISHED BY <input type="checkbox"/> CONTRACTOR (wet) <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT (dry)	
12. DATE MO/DAY/YR	13. EQUIPMENT USE			
	START	STOP	HOURS/DAYS/MILES (circle one) WORK SPECIAL	
			14. REMARKS (released, down time and cause, problems, etc.)	
			15. EQUIPMENT STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> a. Inspected and under agreement <input type="checkbox"/> b. Released by Government <input type="checkbox"/> c. Withdrawn by Contractor	
			16. INVOICE POSTED BY (Recorder's initials)	
17. CONTRACTOR'S OR AUTHORIZED AGENT'S SIGNATURE		18. GOVERNMENT OFFICER'S SIGNATURE		19. DATE SIGNED

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Rating Guidelines

Knowledge of the Job or Equipment Condition

0	Unsatisfactory	Contractor/Operator is inexperienced and/or unsafe. If performance cannot be substantially corrected, it constitutes a significant impediment in consideration for future awards containing similar requirements. Equipment cannot be repaired or is inadequate and must be (or has been) released.
1	Poor	Contractor has minimal experience. Overall compliance requires close or continuous supervision to ensure achievement of desired results. Significant down time for equipment or equipment is barely adequate.
2	Fair	Overall compliance requires some supervision to ensure achievement of desired results. Some breakdowns or repairs for equipment or equipment is relatively underpowered or slow at achieving contract requirements.
3	Good	There are no or very minimal quality problems and the Contractor has met the contract requirements with minimal supervision. Minimal breakdowns or repairs for equipment.
4	Excellent	There are no quality issues and the Contractor has substantially exceeded the contract performance requirements without commensurate additional costs to the State. No mechanical breakdowns.
5	Outstanding	The contractor has demonstrated an outstanding performance level that was significantly in excess of anticipated achievements and is commendable as an example to others. It is expected that this rating will be used in those rare circumstances where contractor performance clearly exceeds the performance levels described as "Excellent". Equipment is superior.

Fireline Performance or Timeliness

0	Unsatisfactory	Contractor is failing to meet performance requirements or follow direction. Delays are jeopardizing the achievement of contract requirements. If performance cannot be substantially corrected, it constitutes a significant impediment in consideration for future awards.
1	Poor	Contractor performance is considered marginal. Delays require significant Agency resources to ensure achievement of contract requirements.
2	Fair	Contractor performance meets minimum acceptability standards and some improvements are needed. Delays require minor Agency resources to ensure achievement of contract requirements.
3	Good	Contractor performance is fully acceptable. There are no, or minimal delays that impact achievement of contract requirements.
4	Excellent	Contractor has excellent skills and techniques. Performance is consistently above average. There are no delays and the contractor has exceeded the agreed upon time schedule.
5	Outstanding	The Contractor has demonstrated an outstanding performance level. It is expected that this rating will be used in those rare circumstances where contractor performance clearly exceeds the performance levels described as "Excellent".

Business Relations

0	Unsatisfactory	Response to inquiries and/or technical, service, administrative issues is not effective. If not substantially mitigated or corrected it should constitute a significant impediment in considerations for future awards.
1	Poor	Response to inquires and/or technical, service, administrative issues is marginally effective.
2	Fair	Response to inquires and/or technical, service, administrative issues is somewhat effective.
3	Good	Response to inquires and/or technical, service, administrative issues is consistently effective.
4	Excellent	Response to inquires and/or technical, service, administrative issues exceed State expectation.
5	Outstanding	The contractor has demonstrated an outstanding performance level. It is expected that this rating will be used in those rare circumstances where contractor performance clearly exceeds the performance levels described as "Excellent".

ATV/UTV List of Operator/Driver Responsibilities

Note: This document will be signed by an operator prior to their use of the ATV/UTV and establishes some of the responsibilities of the operator. The equipment assigned to the operator is a valuable tool and needs to be treated with due diligence.

I understand and agree to the following responsibilities

- 1.) I am the primary operator of this equipment and others need to have my explicit permission to operate the equipment under my control
- 2.) I agree that the ATV/UTV is to be used for official business only
- 3.) I will fuel and maintain the equipment, as needed, on a daily basis
- 4.) I will operate the ATV/UTV in a safe and reasonable manner, and I recognize and abide by the rule that some areas are not suitable terrain for ATV/UTV operation
- 5.) Any damage to the ATV/UTV will be noted and reported to my incident supervisor
- 6.) Any vehicle accidents causing damage to other parties, to my ATV/UTV shall be reported to my incident supervisor, to the incident Safety Officer, and to the Incident Commander
- 7.) Damages will be documented on a Property Loss and Damage form and photographs will be taken using a cell phone, camera or other device
- 8.) Claims and damage reports will be reviewed by a Damage Review board and I realize that failure to abide by safe and reasonable standards may result in disciplinary or other appropriate action
- 9.) I will complete the Daily ATV/UTV inspection checklist on a daily basis
- 10.) If I was the last user of the equipment, I will complete a performance evaluation prior to the equipment's demobilization

Signature

Date

Request # (O-#)

Printed Name

Position on Incident