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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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November 16, 2020

Pete Ricketts, Governor

Governor Pete Ricketts and
Patrick J. O'Donnell, Clerk of the Legislature
State Capital
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Governor Ricketts and Mr. O'Donnell:

Nebraska Revised Statute 81-827 requires the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to contract all costs to maintain one single-engine air tanker (SEAT) in Nebraska available to provide aerial suppression flights in fighting wildfires. NEMA is also required to report annually, no later than December 1st, to the Governor and the Clerk of the Legislature regarding deployment of the SEAT to include:


- A. Date and time each request for deployment of the SEAT was received.
- B. Date and time each time the SEAT was deployed.
- C. Explanation for any delay of more than an hour from the time a request was received until the SEAT actually deployed.
- D. Explanation for the denial of any request for SEAT deployment.

Nebraska works in coordination with surrounding states to allow deployment of the Nebraska funded SEAT to locations outside of the state as long as fires within the state of Nebraska receive priority for deployment of the Nebraska SEAT over requests to support fires elsewhere. The Great Plains Interagency Dispatch Center (GPC) manages the deployment of all SEAT aircraft in the entire region.

The most recent contract/activation period for the Nebraska SEAT occurred July 1 through October 21, 2020 (113 operational days). A list of aerial suppression flights flown in 2020 (Table 1) as well as a report of costs associated with the SEAT program for 2020 (Table 2) are attached.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,


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Attachments as stated

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**TABLE 1 --SEAT PROGRAM
AERIAL SUPPRESSION FLIGHTS 2020**

<u>REQUEST RECEIVED</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME DEPLOYED OR ON-SCENE</u>	<u>REQUEST DENIED/REASON /ACTION TAKEN</u>	<u>DEPLOYMENT DELAYED/REASON</u>	<u>FLIGHT HOURS/ SORTIES FLOWN/ BILLED TO/BY</u>	<u>RETARDANT USED/ BILLED TO/BY</u>
7/2/20	12 Miles East of Chadron	Deployed 1831	No	NA	1 hour/2 sorties	Nebraska
7/2/20	12 Miles East of Chadron	Deployed 1414	No	NA	.5 hour/1 sortie	Nebraska
7/5/20	20 Miles East of Harrison	Deployed 1113	No	NA	.72 hours/ 1 sortie	Nebraska
7/7/20	200 Miles North of Mitchell	Deployed 1123	No	NA	2.13 hours/2 sorties	Nebraska
7/23/20	Kaycee, WY	Deployed 1123	No	NA	.4 hours/1 sortie	Wyoming
7/23/20	20 Miles East of Harrisburg	Deployed 1803	No	NA	2.45 hours/2 sorties	Nebraska
7/24/20	20 Miles East of Harrisburg	Deployed 0929	No	NA	2.01 hours/2 sorties	Nebraska
8/2/20	7 Miles South of Chadron	Deployed 1636	No	NA	.37 hours/1 sortie	USFS- Nebraska National Forest
8/3/20	10 Miles Southwest of Alliance	Deployed 1320	No	NA	1.12 hours/1 sortie	Nebraska
8/5/20	20 Miles North of Harrison	Deployed 1519	No	NA	1.32 hours/ 2 sorties	USFS
8/7/20	12 Miles North of Chadron	Deployed 1638	No	NA	.69 hours/2 sorties	Nebraska

8/7/20	15 Miles Southwest of Crawford	Deployed 1746	No	NA	2.63 hours/4 sorties	Nebraska
8/9/20	Pine Ridge BIA	Deployed 1657	No	NA	3.46 hours/5 sorties	Pine Ridge BIA
8/10/20	10 Miles Southwest of Hot Springs, SD	Deployed 1612	No	NA	2.05 hours/3 sorties	USFS- Black Hills National Forest
8/12/20	20 Miles Southwest of Valentine	Deployed 1004	No	NA	2.15 hours/2 sorties	Nebraska
8/26/20	Custer State Park, SD	Deployed 1215	No	NA	4.25 hours/5 sorties	South Dakota
8/27-30/20	20 Miles East of Harrisburg	Deployed 1201 Deployed 1310	No	NA	13.42 hours/18 sorties	Nebraska
8/28/20	15 Miles North of Rushville	Deployed 0929	No	NA	2.51 hours/3 sorties	Nebraska
8/28/20	3 Miles South of Chadron	Deployed 0957	No	NA	.08 hours/1 sortie	USFS- Nebraska National Forest
9/14/20	Pine Ridge BIA	Deployed 1321	No	NA	5.38 hours/6 sorties	Pine Ridge BIA
9/26/20	Pine Ridge BIA	Deployed 1346	No	NA	1.56 hours/ 2 sorties	Pine Ridge BIA
9/28/20	25 Miles Southeast of Merriman	Deployed 1429	No	NA	3.53 hours/4 sorties	Nebraska
9/29/20	Pine Ridge BIA	Deployed 1618	No	NA	3.65 hours/4 sorties	Pine Ridge BIA

9/30/20	Pine Ridge BIA	Deployed 0935	No	NA	6.79 hours/9 sorties	Pine Ridge BIA
9/30/20	Pine Ridge BIA	Deployed 1356	No	NA	.9 hours/1 sortie	Pine Ridge BIA
10/2/20	Rosebud BIA	Deployed 1027	No	NA	5.04 hours/13 sorties	Rosebud BIA
10/11/20	Valentine	Deployed 1453 Deployed 1650	No	NA	.75 hours/2 sorties	Nebraska

2019 SEAT OPERATIONS
SUMMARY

	Standby	AV	Flight Time		Ext Pilot EP	Ext Driver		Per Diem PD	Support Truck	SM
			FT			ET				
7/1 - 7/31/20		26	9.92	35	35	62	260			\$ 111,859.00
8/1 - 8/31/20		24,92857	27.39	42.5	42.5	62	230			\$ 157,541.57
9/1 - 9/30/20		23	5.87	6	10	58	362			\$ 89,697.40
10/1 - 10/21/20		17	0.75			38	34			\$ 54,633.80
Total		90,92857	43.93	83.5	87.5	124	886			
Price		\$ 2,750.00	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 151.00	\$ 2.45			
Total Cost		\$ 250,053.57	\$ 120,807.50	\$ 4,592.50	\$ 2,887.50	\$ 18,724.00	\$ 2,170.70			

Total Contract Amount billed for 2020 \$ 399,235.77

Retardant Used:

7/1 - 7/31/20	8,830
8/1 - 8/31/20	41,916
9/1 - 9/30/20	18,548
10/1 - 10/21/20	12,276

2020 Allotment \$ 362,520.00

Contract year to date Expenses	\$ (399,235.77)
Less amount billed to GEF July	\$ 31,806.50
Less amount billed to GEF Aug	\$ 85,560.00
Less amount billed to GEF Sept	\$ 16,835.00
Less amount billed to GEF Oct	\$ 3,437.50

Balance Remaining \$ 100,923.23

Additional costs:

OCIO	\$ 303.25
Lodging - Larkin	\$ 732.01
USDA -	\$ 12,000.00
UNL	\$ 1,000.00
Carry over	\$ 86,887.97