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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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November 21, 2021

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.

The 2021 fire deployment for Tanker 854 was the eighth year of the program. Processes and procedures have resulted in an average response time of 15 minutes from request to wheels up. This year there was no delays in response and no denials for deployments.

The Nebraska SEAT bases supplied retardant for out of state SEAT's flying on fires within and outside of the state, these are listed in table 1.

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 June 28 through October 10, 2021 (105 operational days). A list of aerial suppression flights flown in 2021 (Table 1) as well as a report of costs associated with the SEAT program for 2021 (Table 2) are attached.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



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Table 1 2021 SEAT REPORT

| DATE | Fire Name | Location | Acres | Loads | Gallons | Total Flight Time |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------|-------|------------------|---|
| T-854 | | | | | | |
| 7/11/21 | Proficiency Flight | Valentine | 0 | | 3 1975 Water | 0.89 |
| 7/12/21 | Crowe | 20 South of Valentine | 25 | | 1 650 | 0.62 |
| 7/13/21 | Mundorf | 20 East of Valentine | 30 | | 2 1375 | 1.17 |
| 7/25/21 | Fuzzy | Cheyenne River Agency BIA | 1060 | | 1 650 | 2.1 |
| 7/31/21 | Calico | Pine Ridge Agency BIA | | | 3 2075 | 3.78 |
| 8/1/21 | Lymon | SW of Hot Springs USFS SD-BKF | | | 2 650 | 2 |
| 8/2/21 | Whipple Camp | NW of White River SD SD-SDS | 2565 | | 3 2025 | 3.17 |
| 8/5/21 | Hackberry | Banner CO. NE | 5440 | | 8 4915 | 7.01 |
| 8/6/21 | Hackberry | Banner CO. NE | 6177 | | 1 650 | 1.85 |
| 8/8/21 | Harlan | Rock CO. NE NE of Bassett | 5 | | 2 1350 | 3.82 |
| 8/11/21 | Cross | Banner CO. NE | 2460 | | 7 4800 | 5.39 |
| 8/15/21 | River South | South of Nenzel NE | 100 | | 1 650 | 1.42 |
| 8/16/21 | Snus | Dawes CO. West of Chadron | 37 | | 1 700 Water | 0.37 |
| 8/17/21 | 118 Fire | East of Angola | 3200 | | 2 1350 | 2.38 |
| 8/21/21 | Snake River | Snake River | 5 | | 1 650 | 1.67 |
| 9/4/21 | Proficiency Flight | Hemingford | | | 1 700 | 0.67 |
| 9/6/21 | | 719 Chadron | 10 | | 1 650 | 0.43 |
| 9/12/21 | Serres | NW Crawford | 275 | | 1 650 | 1.47 |
| 9/13/21 | Post | 8 S Crawford | 40 | | 5 3500 | 2.65 |
| 9/14/21 | Job Corp | 8 S SE of Chadron | 4 | | 3 2025 | 1.18 |
| 9/16/21 | Job Corp. | S CHADRON | 4 | | 1 750 | 0.63 |
| 9/16/21 | Post CA | S Crawford | 5444 | | 7 4940 | 4.72 |
| 9/17/21 | Vista Trend | S of Scottsbluff | 2600 | | 5 2892 | 3.32 |
| 9/17/21 | Post CA | S of Crawford | 5446 | | 1 720 | 0.8 |
| 9/28/21 | Proficiency flight | CDR | | | 1 600 | 0.72 |
| 9/28/21 | Hat Mountain | 8 Miles W of Rapid City | | | 4 650 CDR 2816 R | 3.49 |
| 10/4/21 | Auburn | north of Rapid City | 700 | | 3 2050 | 4.14 |
| 10/5/21 | Red Shirt | Red Shirt, SD | 650 | | 2 650 CDR 700 RA | 1.9 |
| Other SEATS | | | | | | |
| 8/1/21 | Whipple camp | NW of White River SD | 1375 | | 2 | T833 & T871 each 1 load out of Valentine |
| 8/6/21 | Hackberry | Banner CO. | 6040 | | | T833 3 loads & T871 6 loads Loads each out of Scottsbluff |
| 8/11/21 | Cross | Banner CO. | 2460 | | | T833 4 loads & T871 6 loads Out of Scottsbluff |
| 9/13/21 | Post | 8 S Crawford | 40 | | 6 3430 | T833 2 Loads CDR.1RAP T871 2 Loads CDR. 1 RAP |
| 9/16/21 | Post | Crawford | 5444 ? | | ? | T833 and T871 |
| 9/17/21 | Post | Crawford | 5444 ? | | ? | T833 and T871 |

2019 SEAT OPERATIONS
SUMMARY

| | Standby | AV | Flight Time | | Ext Pilot EP | Ext Driver ET | Per Diem PD | Support Truck | SM | Relief Crew Cost | Mob/Demob |
|-----------------|---------|---------------|---------------|--|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|
| | | | FT | | | | | | | | |
| 6/28 - 7/11/21 | | 14 | 0.89 | | 0 | 0 | 34 | | 24 | 1 | 1 |
| 7/12 - 7/25/21 | | 14 | 3.89 | | 3 | 3 | 34 | | 26 | 1 | 1 |
| 7/26 - 8/8/21 | | 14 | 21.63 | | 10 | 10 | 34 | | 339 | 1 | 1 |
| 8/9 - 8/22/21 | | 14 | 11.88 | | 10 | 10 | 34 | | 336 | 1 | 1 |
| 8/23 9/5/21 | | 14 | 0.67 | | 1 | 1 | 34 | | 140 | 1 | 1 |
| 9/6 - 9/19/21 | | 14 | 18.73 | | 9 | 12 | 34 | | 492 | 1 | 1 |
| 9/20 - 10/3/21 | | 14 | 4.21 | | 2 | 2 | 34 | | 140 | 1 | 1 |
| 10/4 - 10/10/21 | | 7 | 6.04 | | 2 | 2 | 14 | | 70 | | 1 |
| Total | | 105 | 67.94 | | 37 | 40 | 252 | | 1567 | 7 | 2 |
| Price | | \$ 3,230.00 | \$ 3,230.00 | | \$ 59.00 | \$ 34.00 | \$ 151.00 | | \$ 2.45 | \$ 1,890.00 | \$ 6,815.00 |
| Total Cost | | \$ 339,150.00 | \$ 219,446.20 | | \$ 2,183.00 | \$ 1,360.00 | \$ 38,052.00 | | \$ 3,839.15 | \$ 13,230.00 | \$ 13,630.00 |

Total Contract Amount billed for 2021 \$ 630,890.35

2021 Allotment \$ 362,520.00

Contract year to date Expenses \$ (630,890.35)

JE to GEF \$ 142,918.05

Extension of SEAT to GEF \$ 269,631.90 estimated from 8/28 - 10/10/21

Balance Remaining \$ 144,179.60

Additional costs:

TSB \$ 285.80
Lodging - Larkin \$ 365.76
USDA - \$ 12,000.00

Carry over \$ 131,528.04