



ROCKY MOUNTAIN COORDINATING GROUP

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November 9, 2009

To: Participating Agencies

From: Chair, Rocky Mountain Coordinating Group

Subject: Recruitment for the 2010-2011 season:

- RMA Incident Management Teams:
 - Existing Vacancies
 - Critical shortages: HEB1, ASGS, ATGS, RCDM, COMP, PROC, PTRC, COST, EQTR, LSC1 & 2, LTAN, FBAN, AOB, TIME, COML. FACL and RESL
 - Trainee positions
- Decision Support Group
 - WFDSS Analyst, FUM1/SOPL, OSC2, PSC2, LSC2, LTAN/FBAN and GISS
- Buying Teams
 - Existing members must re-apply for the 2010 season
 - New applicants are encouraged to apply for all positions

Reply Due – December 1, 2009

The Rocky Mountain Area (RMA) is recruiting to fill vacant positions on its sponsored Incident Management Teams (IMTs) and on the Decision Support Group (see vacancy list attached). Additionally, it is recruiting for all ICS positions as trainees and for all positions on the Buying Team(s) sponsored jointly by the RMA and Great Basin. **All interested personnel must apply to be considered** for selection to any position as a primary, job-share, trainee team member, or the Priority Trainee list (All trainees - this is to update your status for the 2010 fire season).

New Team Direction: The RMA is in the process of restructuring priority trainees, to fill vacancies for all the teams to better achieve long-term management objectives. This process is explained in the Fall 2008 Rocky Mountain Coordinating Group's (RMCG) Vision Letter for the future of RMA IMTs, which is attached to this announcement. Restructuring may also affect/constrain team member mobilization for All-Risk/Long-Term incidents. Applicants should read the RMCG Vision Letter for more specific details. ***Note* Although the Vision letter refers to a "Fire Use Support Group", this group will not be formed at this time. See Decision Support Group verbiage.**

Teams and Incident Commanders: The RMA now supports four IMT's. Each team and their Incident Commander is listed below:

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IMT1 (National) Paul Summerfelt
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IMT2 (RMA, Team A) Bill Hahnenberg
IMT2 (RMA/Zone, Team C) Joe Lowe

Documents: A copy of this memo, the RMCG Vision Letter, team position list, and an RMA IMT application form is posted on web at: <http://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc> under "Other Fire News".

Positions available: Each of the four Incident Management Teams has a slightly different mixture of positions that comprise the team roster. A listing of all the positions presently identified for inclusion in Rocky Mountain Area Teams is attached for your use in determining what you wish to apply.

Trainees: Since 2003, the RMCG has sponsored nearly three times as many assigned trainees as in prior years. Over one hundred of these trainees have been recommended for certification. To continue this great success, we are encouraging everyone in the fire community in need of on-the-job training, and who is willing to commit to team participation, to apply to be identified as a trainee. **Applicants may apply for training in any position that you have been issued a task-book, including positions not identified as part of a primary team roster.** Trainees assigned to a team will be expected to be available to respond whenever the team is assigned. Upon successful completion of their training, the trainee will be recommended for certification by their agency, and a new trainee will be selected for the team. When certified, the individual is encouraged to submit an application to support the IMT program.

Application: Please complete the attached RMA Incident Management Team application (available this year online), include a copy of your Fire Training and Experience Record, have your application signed by your immediate supervisor and any other required local approvals, and then **submit it through your sponsoring agency's channels to the agency's Operations Committee Representative (listed below) by December 1, 2009.**

Non-federal applicants should submit their application to the Operations Committee State Representative Clair Brown. Out-of-RMA applicants should submit their application to the Operations Committee Chair, Todd Richardson. Questions should be directed to your Operations Committee Representative.

Selection: Applicants will be selected based on RMA position needs and interagency priorities. Selection priority will be: 1st - RMA agency applicants, 2nd – Out-of-RMA agency applicants, 3rd – RMA AD's, 4th – Out-of-RMA AD's. **Team Roster-vacancies should be finalized by February 1, 2010.**



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Attachments: RMCG Strategic Vision Letter dated September 11, 2008
RMA Incident Management Team Application Form
Listing of Positions Utilized on RMA Teams

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