

February 27, 2019

Dear Carrier:

Please be advised that the Manitoba Sustainable Development **2019 Helicopter Flying Offer** for the supply of commercial helicopter flying services needed on an “as and when required” basis for the upcoming wildfire season as well as the non-fire season period will be available on the Wildfire Program website at:

[www.gov.mb.ca/sd/fire/aircraft/flyingoffers](http://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/fire/aircraft/flyingoffers)

If you are interested in flying for us during the season, the 2019 Helicopter Flying Offer is now available in PDF format and can be completed electronically. Original signatures are still required, therefore, once completed please print a copy of the entire Offer, sign page 21 in [blue](#) ink and **return the original intact no later than March 31, 2019.**

Please ensure Confidential Pilot Information Sheets, company Fleet Schedule including Electronic Serial Number (ESN), current Certificate of Insurance and applicable Worker’s Compensation documentation are attached to the Offer package.

Please note:

- Companies must ensure that all pilots review and understand the CIFFC Hover Exit Guidelines (V 2.0 Revised March 2018) prior to wildfire season as outlined in Section 11.3;
- Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) is prevalent in several water bodies and operational procedures have been developed for the 2019 wildfire season as outlined in Section 12.0 ;
- Insurance requirements for light, intermediate, medium and heavy lift helicopters;
- Automated Flight Following (AFF) system is mandatory and to be set on two minute intervals;
- Pilots are required to complete Manitoba load sheets identifying cargo type, weights and dangerous goods;
- Company onus to file flight plan once a helicopter is released at the end of the hire;
- The helicopter and crew named at the time of hire and listed on the helicopter hire record shall remain for the duration of hire unless approval has been obtained from Wildfire Program Headquarters;
- A Dangerous Goods chapter approved by Transport Canada available in aircraft at all times;
- High visibility main rotors, pulsating landing lights and red/white anti-collision strobe lights are on the preferred equipment list, along with addition of second water bucket for AIS procedures;
- Only authorized personnel are allowed on flights during hire period with Manitoba;
- Companies must provide Confidential Pilot Information Sheets as Manitoba continues to utilize pilot qualifications and hours of flying experience in the hire process; and
- Other items of note as provided in the 2019 Helicopter Flying Offer.

I look forward to your reply and working with your company on a casual basis this upcoming fire season. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 204-945-7780 or [Jacquie.Nixdorf@gov.mb.ca](mailto:Jacquie.Nixdorf@gov.mb.ca)

Yours truly,

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