



*CANADIAN INTERAGENCY FOREST FIRE CENTRE INC.
CENTRE INTERSERVICES DES FEUX DE FORÊT DU CANADA INC.*

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI):
AVIATION SERVICES FOR THE MOBILIZATION OF
WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL**

April 10, 2026

Participants are advised to pay careful attention to the wording used throughout this Request for Information (RFI). The RFI may not result in the award of any contracts and Participants are not to earmark or purchase supplies and/or equipment relative to the services described herein. Participants are under no obligation to respond in order to be qualified to bid on any subsequent opportunity. Although a contract award will not result from this activity, the information provided may be used to help define the requirements of potential contracts in the future. Responses received unsigned or after the RFI closing date and time will not be considered. If responses are ambiguous, unclear or unreadable they may not be considered.

Facsimile responses will not be considered.

RFI Issue Date: April 10, 2026

RFI Closing Date: April 30, 2026, 16:00 hrs CST

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The Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre (CIFFC) is a federally incorporated not-for-profit corporation that is owned and operated by the federal, provincial, and territorial agencies responsible for wildland fire management in Canada. During the fire season, the CIFFC operates seven days a week, coordinating the sharing of firefighting resources (personnel, aircraft, and equipment) between member agencies and international partners. As part of its duties as a coordinating body, CIFFC arranges for air transport services to mobilize wildland fire management personnel between jurisdictions both in Canada and internationally.

CIFFC is currently seeking information regarding the availability and commitments of aircraft for the 2026 Wildland Fire Season. CIFFC is requesting information on the following:

Further details as to the scope of this opportunity and guidelines for submissions can be found in Section 4 of this Request for Information (RFI).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF RFI

1. Definitions

Air Transport Services	A commercial air service that is operated for the purpose of transporting persons, personal belongings, baggage, goods or cargo in an aircraft between two points
CIFFC	The Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre Inc.
Contractor	The successful Proponent to the eventual Request for Proposals (RFI) who enters into a Contract with CIFFC
Participant	Anyone submitting a response to this RFI
RFI	Request for Information
Service Period	The number of consecutive days, during the Fire Season, to be determined annually under a Contract during which the Air Transport Services are provided continuously as further described in Section 4 of this RFI

2. Inquiries

All inquiries regarding this RFI shall be directed to the phone number/email address and Contact listed on page 1 of this document.

3. Closing Time and Date

Responses will be accepted up to and including the date and time indicated on page 1 of this document. Responses will be accepted only at the email address indicated on page 1 of this document.

Late responses or responses submitted to any other email address will not be considered.

4. General Description of Services Required and Submission Guidelines

4.1 Service Requirements

1. During the annual service period, CIFFC requires immediate (ranging from within 24 hours to several days' notice) air transport services in response to wildland fire resourcing demands. Due to the urgent and unpredictable nature of these mobilizations, flights are requested by CIFFC with limited notice (often 2-5 days before departure for mobilization flights and 4-7 days for demobilization flights).
2. CIFFC expects that the Contractor will be available to respond to these requirements by supplying fully serviceable and appropriately equipped aircraft and support infrastructure with experienced and trained personnel to meet CIFFC's air transport needs during the service period.
3. The Contractor is expected to fully manage personnel to meet Transport Canada regulatory requirements and CIFFC's service requirements. The Contractor will provide sufficient aircraft flight crews (including necessary relief personnel) to fully support the aircraft and provide the required air transport services.
4. CIFFC is seeking aircraft with a general seating capacity for 100+ passengers per trip, capable of travelling domestically within Canada and/or internationally to points in North and South America. The primary locations for pick-up and drop-off of wildland firefighting personnel within Canada include, but are not limited to;

Province/Territory	Primary Locations
BC	CYKA CYXS CYXX
AB	CYEG
SK	CYPA CYXE
MB	CYWG
ON	CYSB CYHD CYQT
QB	CYQB CYVO CYBG
Territories	CYZF CYXY
East Coast	CYHZ CYFC

The following are examples of typical passenger counts and routes the aircraft could be expected to travel:

- CYSB (p/u 40) – CYHD (p/u 20) – CYKA (d/o 60)
 - CYEG (p/u 110) – CYHD (d/o 20) – CYSB (d/o 40) – CYVO (d/o 20) – CYQB (d/o 30)
 - GDL (p/u 105) – CYXX (customs clearance) – CYXS (d/o 105)
5. Flights are scheduled during daytime hours only (no overnight flights) and generally leave in the morning or early afternoon and arrive in the late afternoon or early evening.
 6. CIFFC will expect to have a response from the Contractor within 24 hours of the original flight request to allow time to make other arrangements if the Contractor is not able to operate during the requested timeframe.
 7. Service providers must be able to provide NET30 terms from the day services are completed.

4.2 Submission Guidelines for Domestic Standing Offer Agreements

Although CIFFC will not guarantee a minimum number of domestic flights, we are interested in seeking the best value for money option.

1. Please record the following information for domestic air transport charters in Appendix A - Domestic Rate Sheet.
 - a. Aircraft make and model
 - b. Registration(s) – list all registrations available for the make and model
 - c. Base Locations – list all base locations the aircraft will operate from during the service period
 - d. Flight rate – flight rates should include crew costs (transportation, incidentals, etc.)
 - i. per mile (DRY) *or*
 - ii. per hour (DRY)
 - e. Air stair equipped (Y/N)
 - f. Meals service charge (per passenger) for Hot and/or cold meals – cost should include all aircraft catering fees.
 - g. Max number of passengers – each passenger will travel with 65lbs of gear + an additional 2,000 pounds of fire gear per flight (no dangerous goods and varying dimensions). Lithium batteries (radios) will be carried on the aircraft.
 - h. Available dates – list dates during the service period when the aircraft would be available.
 - i. Daily Availability – list days of the week when the aircraft would be most likely to be available.
 - j. Primary locations accessibility – list locations the make/model CANNOT land
2. This request is for information only, the cost estimates and terms will be subject to change.

4.3 Submission Guidelines for International Standing Offer Agreements

Although CIFFC will not be guaranteeing a minimum number of international flights, we are interested in seeking the best value for money option.

1. Please record the following information for domestic air transport charters in Appendix B - International Rate Sheet.
 - a. Aircraft make and model
 - b. Registration(s) – list all registrations available for the make and model
 - c. Base Locations – list all base locations the aircraft will operate from during the service period
 - d. Flight rate– flight rates should include crew costs (transportation, incidentals, etc.)
 - i. per mile (DRY) *or*
 - ii. per hour (DRY)
 - e. Air stair equipped (Y/N)
 - f. Meals service charge (per passenger) for Hot and/or cold meals – cost should include all aircraft catering fees.

- g. Max number of passengers – each passenger will travel with 65lbs of gear + an additional 2,000 pounds of fire gear per flight (no dangerous goods and varying dimensions). Lithium batteries (radios) will be carried on the aircraft.
 - h. Etops certified (rating) – mark the appropriate etops rating
 - i. Flight planning services – mark if the participant uses a flight planning service provider to coordinate international charters (yes or no).
 - j. Available dates – list dates during the service period when the aircraft would be available.
 - k. Daily Availability – list days of the week when the aircraft would be most likely to be available.
 - l. Primary locations accessibility – list locations the make/model CANNOT land
3. This request is for information only, the cost estimates and terms will be subject to change.

5. General Terms and Conditions

- 1) CIFFC shall not be responsible for any cost incurred by any Vendor in preparing and submitting responses.
- 2) All responses and accompanying documentation received under this request shall become the property of CIFFC and shall not be returned to the Vendor.
- 3) This is not a bid solicitation. This RFI will not result in any contract awards.
- 4) CIFFC shall evaluate the proposals and their decision with respect to any matter shall be final.

Appendix A – Domestic Rate Sheet

RFI - 2026 CIFFC		
Item Information		Rates/Notes
Air Operator Name		
A/C MAKE		
A/C MODEL		
REGISTRATION		
Base Location(s)		
Rate	Flight Rate per Mile – DRY	
	Or Flight Rate per Hour – DRY	
Air Stair Equipped (Y/N) - Information Only		
Meal Service Charge (Per Passenger) *If Required*. Please include all aircraft catering fees in the per passenger rate.		HOT: COLD:
Max Number of Passengers: Each Passenger has 65lbs of Gear + an Additional 2,000lbs of Fire Gear (No Dangerous Goods)		
Available Dates:		
Daily Availability (e.g. Sat, Sun, Wed, etc.)		
Primary locations accessibility (make/model cannot land at these locations)		

Appendix B – International Rate Sheet

RFI - 2026 CIFFC		
Item Information		Rates/Notes
Air Operator Name		
A/C MAKE		
A/C MODEL		
REGISTRATION		
Base Location(s)		
Rate	Flight Rate per Mile – DRY	
	Or Flight Rate per Hour – DRY	
Air Stair Equipped (Y/N) - Information Only		
Meal Service Charge (Per Passenger) *If Required* Please include all aircraft catering fees in the per passenger rate.		HOT: COLD:
Max Number of Passengers: Each Passenger has 65lbs of Gear + an Additional 2,000lbs of Fire Gear (No Dangerous Goods)		
e-tops certified aircraft? (Rating)		
Company uses a flight planning service provider for international charters? (Y/N)		
Available Dates:		
Daily Availability (e.g. Sat, Sun, Wed, etc.)		
Primary locations accessibility (make/model cannot land at these locations)		

Appendix C – Other Contract Structures Info Sheet

RFI - 2026 CIFFC	
Item Information	Rates/Notes
Domestic/International/Both	
Air Operator Name	
A/C MAKE	
A/C MODEL	
REGISTRATION	
Base Location(s)	
Rate Information:	
Air Stair Equipped (Y/N) - Information Only	
Meal Service Charge (Per Passenger)	HOT:
If Required	COLD:
Max Number of Passengers: Each Passenger has 65lbs of Gear + an Additional 2,000lbs of Fire Gear (No Dangerous Goods)	
Available Dates:	
Other Information	