

**Manitoba Wildfire Service
Box 10, 200 Saulteaux Crescent
Winnipeg, MB Canada R3J 3W3**

February 4, 2022

Dear Carrier:

Please be advised that the Manitoba **2022 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 website at: www.gov.mb.ca/sd/pubs/job/helicopter_flying_offer.pdf

If you are interested in flying for us during the season, the 2022 Helicopter Flying Offer is now available in PDF format and can be completed and submitted electronically. Original signatures are still required, therefore, once completed please print a copy of the entire Offer, sign page 22 in [blue](#) ink and email **the original intact by April 1, 2022 to: HQfire@gov.mb.ca**

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 included.

Please note:

- Effective for the 2022 wildfire season: Carrier’s staff must meet current Transport Canada Regulatory Standards for Crew Resource Management training as per TC Advisory Circular AC 700-042;
- Manitoba Wildfire Service have entered into a new communications network called Public Safety Communication Services (PSCS) as outlined on Page 1, Item 2, of the Flying Offer. Also note the process for requesting code plug and KMZ files;
- Companies must ensure that all pilots review and understand the CFFC 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 as outlined in Section 12.0 ;
- Manitoba Wildfire Service’s 2022 Covid-19 Pandemic Response Plan for wildfire operations is currently under review and will be available for distribution when updates are finalized;
- 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 Service 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 2022 Helicopter Flying Offer.



We look forward to your reply and working with you on a casual basis this upcoming fire season. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact: HQfire@gov.mb.ca or call Adam Ladouceur, Fire Operations Manager-Business & Response at 204-945-7780.

Regards,

Original Signed by

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