

# National Multi-Agency Coordinating Group

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To: Executive Secretary of the Department of Defense

From: National Interagency Fire Center

Subject: Request for DoD Support, MAFFS Certification 2021, San Bernardino Airtanker Base – California

The National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) requests Department of Defense (DoD) assets for conducting annual Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System (MAFFS) certification exercises in 2021. MAFFS certification consists of both ground instruction and associated practice air drops (water) for certification in coordination with federal land management agency lead planes. One of these certification events is currently scheduled for 02 – 08 May 2021 for two of the Airlift Wings (AWs) tasked with this mission.

NIFC requests the following DoD assets for training of personnel from the 146AW, 152AW:

- Deployment location for the main recertification exercise is San Bernardino Airtanker Base at KSBD.
- Up to four (4) C-130H aircraft capable of transporting and employing MAFFS systems.
- Flight crews from the aforementioned AWs requiring initial and re-currency MAFFS certification for the 2021 fire season. This equates to approximately 20 crews total.
- Associated ground personnel, equipment, and support aircraft for MAFFS certification.
- Sufficient personnel from each of the MAFFS airlift wings (146AW, 152AW) and Air Mobility Command (AMC) to provide instruction and ensure continued standardization.
- Request MAFFS be operational 04 May 2021 no later than 1000L.

This RFA is for the period 26 April – 12 May 2021. This will accommodate coordination, system loading/unloading and configuration, crew ground training and flight activities.

All DoD incurred costs in support will be reimbursed in accordance with 31 USC, Section 1535 of the Economy Act to include pay and allowances. Sufficient funds will be obligated upon receipt of estimated DoD costs of this certification training and support.

The NIFC POC for financial issues is Dianne Cash, 208-387-5677.

Questions concerning this Request for Assistance, contact Ms. Kim Christensen at NIFC, 208-387-5949.

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