SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

THE TEXAS FOREST SERVICE WILL IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE HB 2604 GRANT PROGRAM EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2008:

REVISED COST-SHARE CAPS FOR TRUCKS, TRUCK CHASSIS’, SLIP-ON MODULES, CAFS

- **Tanker and Large Brush Truck**
  90% of the actual cost not to exceed $155,000 in cost-share assistance.

- **Small Brush Truck**
  90% of the actual cost not to exceed $78,000 in cost-share assistance.

- **Large Truck Chassis**
  90% of the actual cost not to exceed $70,000 in cost-share assistance.

- **Small Truck Chassis**
  90% of the actual cost not to exceed $36,000 in cost-share assistance.

- **Slip-On Module**
  90% of the actual cost not to exceed $18,000 in cost-share assistance.

- **Compressed Air Foam System (CAFS)**
  90% of the actual cost not to exceed $18,000 in cost-share assistance.

- All of the vehicles, modules, and CAFS units listed above must meet the Minimum Standards and Specifications as published by the Texas Forest Service for the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program (HB 2604).

REVISED COST-SHARE CAPS FOR RESCUE EQUIPMENT, FIRE EQUIPMENT, TRAINING LIBRARIES

- **Rescue Equipment** 75% of the actual cost not to exceed $13,200 in cost-share assistance.
- **Fire Equipment** 75% of the actual cost not to exceed $9,000 in cost-share assistance.
- **Training Libraries** 100% of the actual cost not to exceed $8,000 in cost-share assistance.

OTHER CHANGES

- Effective immediately, Collision/Comprehensive insurance coverage is no longer required for trucks and truck chassis’ acquired under the HB 2604 Program. However, the Texas Forest Service recommends the purchase of this type of vehicle insurance if it is affordable.

- All equipment items valued individually at $5,000 and greater must be inspected by a TFS agent before a grant reimbursement payment may be made.

- Under consideration for 2009: The Texas Forest Service may begin adding bonus points to an application’s rating number if the applicant is an active reporter in the TFS Fire Department Fire Reporting system. An active reporter is defined as a department that has submitted fire reports within a previous 12-month period.

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