



**Wildland Fire Aviation Strategic Planning Project**  
**Office of Wildland Fire Coordination**  
**Contractor** **Period of Performance**  
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TBC Solutions provided support to the U.S. Department of the Interior (Office of Wildland Fire Coordination and National Interagency Fire Center) related research, analysis, development and publication of a “Strategic Plan for Use of Aviation Assets in Wildland Fire Management”. This strategic plan addressed various aspects of the current status and future configuration of wildland fire aviation assets including: (1) current status of aviation assets; aviation support infrastructure; and aviation human resources, training, and safety systems, (2) vision of operating environment over the next 15 years, (3) future role of aviation in wildland fire suppression, (4) desired aircraft type and fleet composition, (5) desired aviation asset ownership structure, support infrastructure, human resources, and safety systems, and (6) expected outcomes and likely consequences of the strategy.

Specific tasks being performed by TBC Solutions for this project include:

- Detailed review and analysis of various publications related to fire and aviation status and management including:
  - ❖ National Study of Tactical Aerial Resource Management to Support Initial Attack and Large Fire Suppression
  - ❖ Blue Ribbon Panel on Federal Aerial Firefighting
  - ❖ Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy Final Report & Policy Implementation
  - ❖ Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy - 2001 Update
  - ❖ Quadrennial Fire and Fuels Report
  - ❖ National Aviation Strategic Plan for 2004-2009
- Development of a questionnaire for circulation among the wildland firefighting community to obtain data and opinions required to formulate a national wildland fire aviation strategy.
- Facilitation of a meeting for wildland firefighting community representative to discuss and resolve strategy issues and to finalize the elements of a national wildland fire aviation strategy.
- Preparation and publication of the final Strategic Plan for Use of Aviation Assets in Wildland Fire Management.
- Development of briefing materials for the National Interagency Aviation Council (NIAC); the National Fire and Aviation Executive Board (NFAEB); the Interior Office of Wildland Fire Coordination (OWFC), Forest Service Fire and Aviation Management (FAM); Aviation Management Directorate (AMD); and senior policy officials in the Department of the Interior and Department of Agriculture as well as the Wildland Fire Leadership Council (WFLC).