

U.S. Forest Service (USFS) – Region 9

The **US Forest Service** is a multi-faceted agency that manages and protects 154 national forests and 20 grasslands in 43 states and Puerto Rico. The agency's mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.

They have an elite wildland firefighting team and the world's largest forestry research organization. USFS experts provide technical and financial help to state and local government agencies, businesses, private landowners and work government-to-government with tribes to help protect and manage non-federal forest and associated range and watershed lands.

The USFS works through partnerships with public and private agencies that help plant trees, improve trails, educate the public, and improve conditions in wildland/urban interfaces and rural areas, just to name a few. Their team also promotes sustainable forest management and biodiversity conservation internationally.

To learn more in preparation for your meetings visit <http://www.fs.usda.gov/r9>

What does the USFS purchase?

- Natural resource & conservation services
- Construction of structures & facilities
- Maintenance, repair & alteration of real property (including restoration of roads and bridges)
- Lease & rental of facilities
- Janitorial services
- Transportation & charter services
- Professional, management and administrative support services
- Lease or rental of equipment
- Special studies & analysis
- Architect & engineering services
- Fire and aviation support services
- Information technology

What Certifications are important to the USFS?

- Small Businesses
- 8(a)
- Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone)
- Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSBs)
- Veteran Owned Small Business (VOSBs)
- Woman Owned Small Businesses (WOSBs) & Economically Disadvantaged Woman Owned Small Businesses (EDWOSBs)

- Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs)
- Minority Owned Businesses (MBEs)