

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR – AVIATION MANAGEMENT**

**AIRCRAFT RENTAL AGREEMENT PROVISIONS: SUPPLEMENT NO. 11**

**AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS**

**B8.11.1 GENERAL**

B8.11.1.1 This supplement applies to field operations that require qualified and experienced mechanics who can work alone for extended periods of time (in excess of 72 hours) in field conditions to support the aircraft.

**B8.11.2 OPERATIONS – Refer to Section B2**

**B8.11.3 PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS**

B8.11.3.1 The mechanic must have a valid FAA mechanic certificate with airframe and power plant ratings, and must have held the certificate or foreign equivalent certificate with both ratings for a period of 24 months. The mechanic must have been actively engaged in aircraft maintenance as a certificated mechanic for at least 18 (eighteen) months out of the last twenty-four (24) months immediately preceding the start date of the contract.

B8.11.3.2 The mechanic shall have 12 months experience, as an A&P or foreign equivalent certificate, in maintaining helicopters (3 months must have been in the last 2 years).

B8.11.3.3 The mechanic must also show evidence of maintaining a helicopter of the same make and model as offered under "field" conditions for at least one (1) full season. (Three consecutive months maintaining the Helicopter away from Vendor's base of operations with minimal supervision shall meet this requirement.)

B8.11.3.4 Mechanics must have satisfactorily completed a manufacturer's maintenance course or an equivalent FS or DOI AM approved Vendor's training program for the make and model of helicopter offered or, show evidence that he/she has 12 months maintenance experience on a Helicopter of the same make and model offered.

B8.11.3.5 The Vendor may enter into an agreement with a qualified mechanic or maintenance facility whose personnel meet the requirements set forth above. Details of the agreement shall be clarified with the CO.

B8.11.3.6 The mechanic shall be available to maintain the aircraft in airworthy condition. The mechanic shall be provided by the Vendor and shall be in addition to the pilot(s).

**B8.11.3.7 Mechanic Duty Limitations**

B8.11.3.7.1 Mechanics shall not exceed the following duty time limitations:

B8.11.3.7.1.1 Within any 24-hour period, maintenance personnel shall have a minimum of eight consecutive hours off duty immediately prior to the beginning of any duty day. Local travel up to a maximum of 30 minutes each way between the work site and place of lodging shall not be considered duty times.

B8.11.3.7.1.2 Mechanics shall have two full days off during any 14-day period (24-hour periods in Alaska) during the performance of this agreement. Off duty days need not be consecutive.

B8.11.3.7.1.3 Duty time includes availability and work or alert status at any job site for which a mechanic is compensated; or any other time of a commercial nature whether compensated or not.

B8.11.3.7.2 The Government may further restrict daily duty hours and may remove maintenance personnel for fatigue or other causes before reaching their daily duty limitations.

B8.11.3.7.3 Mechanics shall be responsible for keeping the Government apprised of his/her duty

limitation status.

B8.11.3.7.4 When the mechanic is serving as the fuel-servicing vehicle driver, the more stringent duty limitations shall apply.

B8.11.3.7.5 Relief or substitute mechanics reporting for duty under any contract may be required to furnish a record of all duty time during the previous 14 days.