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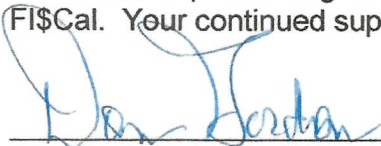
California Fire Assistance Agreement Cooperators,

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) and the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) would like to express their gratitude to each of the California Fire Assistance Agreement (CFAA) cooperating agencies. Your mobilization and cooperative participation has been invaluable during the past several years of unprecedented emergencies our state has experienced.

The Financial Information System for California (FI\$Cal) is California's new statewide accounting for state government in the areas of budgeting, accounting, contracts, cash management, payment and procurement information technology platform. The State Controller, the State Treasurer, and the Directors of the Department of Finance and General Services signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in 2007 to formalize the cooperative partnership to support the development of the FI\$Cal system. In July 2016, FI\$Cal was formally recognized as a new department responsible for implementation, maintenance and operation of FI\$Cal. Cal OES transitioned to FI\$Cal in July 2018 while CAL FIRE transitioned January 2019.

The migration to FI\$Cal over the last nine years represents a major shift in state government accounting practices. The days of paper forms and manila folder files for financial processes are coming to an end. Along with other state departments, CAL FIRE and Cal OES are adopting new technology and workflow processes. The system provides increased standardization, transparency, discipline, effectiveness, and efficiency for the state's business processes. Implementation must overcome the technical and business challenges of unifying the different functions of over 2,500 legacy systems and processes encompassing everything from mainframes to desktop spreadsheets.

CAL FIRE expects delays in the CFAA agreement timeframes for payment of the remaining 2018 invoices due to external factors associated with the transition to FI\$CAL. In a collaborative effort to minimize payment delays of CFAA invoices, Cal OES is assisting CAL FIRE personnel validating and rebuilding the vendor / supplier list in FI\$Cal. Both agencies are acutely aware of the hardships this delay may create and remain committed to processing CFAA invoices (F-142) as expeditiously as possible within FI\$Cal. Your continued support and patience are greatly appreciated.

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Date