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To: National Park Service; National Park Service Park Police; Fish and Wildlife Service; Bureau of Land Management and the Army Corps of Engineers

From: National Park Service, WASO - WCP

Subject: Continuing FY14 Uniform Ordering Delays on Contract P12PC70773

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide notice that uniform ordering will be unavailable in FY14 until contract funding is procured.

Due to the legal constraints of contract P12PC70773 full funding is required prior to exercising the FY14 option period. Implementation of the uniform contract was previously delayed at the end of FY13 due to an expected shutdown of the Financial and Business Management System (FBMS), the Department of the Interior's (DOI) financial and contract management computer system; the continued delay of uniform ordering is due to insufficient availability of funding for the contract. Because of financial hardships incurred under the continuing resolution and accompanying changes in levels of actual employment at each agency, it has thus far been challenging to fund this contract.

The National Park Service WASO-WCP office and the uniform program managers within each agency are cooperating and working quickly to find alternative ways to fund the contract and appreciate your continued patience. We are well aware of the importance of uniforms to the mission of your agency and regret any inconveniences caused by delayed ordering. We will notify you once a date has been established to resume ordering uniforms. As of November 25, 2013 the status of the Uniform Contract is as follows:

- Website will remain closed until further notice
- VF will continue to ship back orders prior to 10/01/2013 on previous FY funds
- No credit card orders will be accepted from employees or agencies
- Exchanges and refunds will be on hold until the Website is back up

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact the agency Uniform Coordinator.

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