



NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP

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Memorandum No. 17-007  
Date: 23 October 2017

TO: NWCG Executive Board Members  
FROM: Dalan Romero, Chair, NWCG Executive Board  
SUBJECT: NWCG Course Development, Delivery, and Content Ownership

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The NWCG Executive Board has determined that NWCG will maintain ownership of all future developed NWCG training courses. The Executive Board's determination was based on thorough assessment of information and input from the NWCG Operations and Training Committee, the NWCG Training Development Program, and procurement and contracting specialists.

This decision is intended to do the following:

- Address recent issues regarding NWCG course development and ownership.
- Enable the NWCG to continue developing and/or delivering NWCG courses with government and/or contract personnel.
- Ensure compliance with established acquisition regulations and practices.
- Ensure alignment across the NWCG training curriculum.
- Enable consistency in how operational standards are developed and trained.
- Reduce likelihood of conflict and litigation due to course content ownership disputes.

The NWCG will continue to support the use of the four vendor-owned courses currently available (L-380, L-381, L-480, L-481) until they are no longer offered or used.

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