Update Notice - - Department of the Interior Electronic Invoicing Requirement *Financial and Business Management System*



Effective November 7, 2011, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) will require use of the Internet Payment Platform (IPP) for the electronic submittal of invoices.

The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Financial Management Service (FMS), in partnership with the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (FRBB), a fiscal agent of the U.S. Treasury, is offering IPP service for use by Federal government agencies and their suppliers. IPP is a new service provided by the FMS to assist DOI and its vendors in streamlining the order-to-pay process.

IPP is available through FMS at no cost to DOI vendors. IPP enables vendors to create invoices directly from the contract award and submit them electronically to DOI. IPP also provides vendors online access to invoice status and payment information for all government payments; not only those invoiced via IPP, including offset and partial payments.

Please visit the IPP website at <u>https://www.ipp.gov/</u> for questions on the program, contact information, demonstrations, registration video and seminar schedules that you may attend. For IPP enrollment questions, please contact the IPP Helpdesk (866-973-3131) or email <u>IPPgroup@bos.frb.org</u> for assistance. For DOI-specific questions regarding the mandatory use of IPP, please email the DOI IPP Team at <u>FBMS_IPP@FBMS.DOI.GOV</u>.

Currently, the following DOI Bureaus are FBMS Bureaus and are using IPP: the Bureau of Land Management (BLM); the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE); the Office of Surface Mining (OSM); and the United States Geological Survey (USGS).

Suppliers doing business with the National Park Service (NPS) and Indian Affairs (IA) will be notified in September 2012, when the use of IPP for their invoices is required. Suppliers doing business with the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) will be notified in September 2013, when the use of IPP for their invoices is required.