

FBMS Acquisition Information:

VENDOR NOTICE:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is switching to a new integrated Department of the Interior (Department) Financial Business Management System (FBMS). The scheduled FBMS GO-LIVE date for BLM is November 10, 2008. Please continue to check the BLM website (www.blm.gov) for the latest updated information about FBMS.

Switching to FBMS may impact the payment of invoices. The deadline for Contracting Officers to submit fully received and accepted, and approved invoices for payment to the BLM National Operations Center Accounts Payable is September 17, 2008. BLM Accounts Payable has until the close date of BLM's financial system (September 22, 2008) to process payments. Every attempt will be made to process all received payments prior to BLM's financial system close regardless of the prompt pay date. BLM will then enter a blackout period. The blackout period is a six week window, from September 23, 2008 to November 10, 2008, where BLM will have limited use of our existing financial and procurement systems. During the blackout, BLM accounts payable will make every effort to process payments in accordance with the prompt pay act. Payment of small business invoices will be a priority, however, vendors should be prepared for the possibility that their payments could be delayed for up to 45 days.

After November 10, 2008 all invoices are to be submitted to a central location. The address for invoices is: Bureau of Land Management, National Operations Center, Accounts Payable group, POB 25047, Denver, CO 80225-0047.

New procurement actions will be "minimized" during the blackout period. Options with performance start dates in October to November 10, 2008 will be awarded based on availability of funds.

FedConnect Notice: Vendors(Contractors) and trading partners must register at FedConnect!

The Department of the Interior (The Department) will be implementing the Financial and Business Management System (FBMS) during fiscal years 2008 through 2012. FBMS will be used by eight Department Bureaus and the DOI National Business Center. DOI Bureaus include the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Minerals Management Service (MMS), National Park Service, Office of Surface Mining and Reclamation (OSM), and U.S. Geological Survey. Bureaus will be scheduled to implement FBMS throughout the lifecycle of the project. BLM is implementing FBMS with a scheduled go-live date of November 10, 2008.

As a result, the BLM will begin using FedConnect, which is hosted by Compusearch, as the communications portal for its vendors(contractors) and trading partners. OSM and MMS started using FedConnect mid April 2008 and BLM will be on-board November 10, 2008. Therefore, in order to do business with the Department Bureaus utilizing FedConnect, **all current and potential Contractors**

and trading partners must be registered with Compusearch's FedConnect portal.

Notices and solicitations, required by the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), will continue to be sent to FedBizOpps (FBO). A link will be established from FBO with additional information available to interested entities on Compusearch's FedConnect portal. The FedConnect portal will be used throughout the lifecycle of the Department's acquisition from the presolicitation/planning phase to instrument close-out. The Department's FBMS will communicate with external entities via FedConnect on all matters related to the acquisition. FBMS is a phased implementation therefore the Department Bureaus who have not implemented FBMS will continue to utilize IDEASEC (<http://ideasec.nbc.gov>). FBO will direct vendors (contractors) and trading partners to the correct hosting site, either FedConnect or IDEASEC.

We are advising current and potential BLM vendors(contractors) and trading partners to register with FedConnect at your earliest convenience at <https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/> . Please note FedConnect is used by multiple federal agencies and therefore, assistance with FedConnect will be provided by Compusearch, not the Department of the Interior. Registration information is provided on the FedConnect web site.

In addition, we are requiring that all vendors(contractors) and trading partners that wish to do business with the Department of Interior register with the Central Contractor Registration System (CCR) at <http://www.ccr.gov/> to facilitate registration on FedConnect. The system functionality of FedConnect requires that all trading partners be registered with the CCR, before registering with FedConnect.