

## **Management Planning and NEPA Blueprint**

In September 2005, the Department directed that a study be initiated to develop a Management Planning and NEPA Modernization Blueprint (MPN Blueprint). The purpose of this initiative was geared toward improving management planning and NEPA implementation throughout the Department. The MPN Blueprint was completed in January 2007. The final MPN Blueprint proposed policy and programmatic (tactical) recommendations that center on process improvements that can be undertaken without the need for significant funding expenditures. These recommendations focus on streamlining the planning process and related NEPA compliance activities, enhancing training and planning tools, and promoting collaboration among DOI bureaus. In addition to the tactical findings, the MPN Blueprint provides strategic recommendations that allow bureaus to better utilize automated systems (IT) to facilitate the process of accessing, tracking, and delivery of information essential to management plan development. The MPN Blueprint was approved on May 31, 2007, "as the strategic direction for land management planning and NEPA." Additional information on the MPN Blueprint is available at <http://www.myinterior.doi.net/oepc/mpnblueprint/mbt.htm>.