

Foreword

The Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990 was enacted to improve the financial management practices of the Federal Government, and to ensure the production of reliable and timely financial information for use in managing and evaluating Federal programs. The Government Management Reform Act (GMRA) of 1994 furthered the objectives of the Chief Financial Officers Act by requiring all Federal agencies to prepare and publish annual financial reports, beginning with fiscal year 1996 activities. At the same time, the GMRA authorized the Office of Management and Budget to implement a pilot program to streamline and consolidate certain statutory financial management and performance reports into a single, annual Accountability Report.

The 1997 Accountability Report is the Department's second report under the pilot program. The objective of this report is to provide complete, concise financial and performance information about how well the Department has achieved its financial program objectives, and how well it managed its limited staffing and funding resources during 1997.

All comments regarding the content and presentation of this report are welcome. An electronic copy of the report is available on Interior's Office of Financial Management World Wide Web site (<http://www.doi.gov/pfm>).

Comments may be addressed to:

U.S. Department of the Interior
Office of Financial Management, Room 5412
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

For additional information about the Department of the Interior, please contact:

U.S. Department of the Interior
Office of Communications, Room 6013
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

or visit the Department's Internet Web site at <http://www.doi.gov>.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR



Fiscal Year 1997 Accountability Report

April 1998