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To: Gale A. Norton,
Secretary of the Interior

From: W. Hord Tipton, 
Chief Information Officer

Subject: Interior Enterprise Architecture

Alignment of information technology with the needs of the Interior business community is of paramount importance to the accomplishment of our mission. We have made significant steps toward achievement of this goal by completing the high-level Interior Enterprise Architecture. Our architecture supports the President's Management Agenda, electronic government initiatives, and both regulatory requirements (OMB, GAO) and legislative mandates (Clinger-Cohen Act) that direct Federal agencies to manage information technology resources based upon an enterprise architecture.

Development of the Interior Enterprise Architecture began in July 2001. Since that time, people throughout Interior – from both business and technology areas – met often to assure the architecture reflects validated business needs and identifies technology choices directly traceable to those needs. This year, the business cases for information technology projects were reviewed for enterprise architecture compliance before they were forwarded to OMB.

Several documents were produced (attached) over the course of architecture development. Most significant is the final one, the *Conceptual Migration and Implementation Plan*, which is a framework for moving forward on key Interior-wide initiatives. The Management Initiatives Team will soon consider those initiatives to decide upon the ones to pursue in the near term, based upon current needs and funding availability.

This is just the beginning of an ongoing effort. In January 2003, we will continue the process to further mature the Interior Enterprise Architecture. It is our intent to document Interior lines of business and business processes, and revalidate alignment with the Interior Strategic Plan, to support identification of improvement opportunities. A more detailed analysis of our information needs as well as specific technology choices will also be produced in the next iteration of the Interior Enterprise Architecture.

Your continuing support of information technology in Interior is gratefully acknowledged.

Attachment
Interior Enterprise Architecture documents