

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR VENDORS **REGARDING PAYMENT OF INVOICES**

On October 1, 2008 BLM will begin the transition to a new financial accounting system. While all existing data is converted and the new system is brought on line, BLM will have only limited ability to pay its vendors. We anticipate this period of limited ability will extend from October 1 through mid-November, 2008.

During this period payments to vendors may be delayed. BLM will make every effort to process payments in accordance with Prompt Pay Act requirements. However, vendors should be prepared for the possibility that payments could be delayed for up to 45 days.

BLM offices have been asked to minimize new procurement actions during this period of transition. BLM anticipates having its new financial system up and running by mid-November.

Beginning October 1, 2008 you may call **877-480-9724** if you have a question regarding the payment of a specific invoice.

Also, beginning October 1, all invoices should be submitted to one central location for processing. The address for invoices is:

Bureau of Land Management
P.O. Box 25047
Denver, CO 80225-0047

FedConnect Notice

Vendors, contractors, and partners please register with FedConnect!

The Department of Interior (DOI) will be implementing the Financial and Business Management System (FBMS) during fiscal years 2008 through 2012. FBMS will be used by the DOI National Business Center, Bureau of Land Management, Minerals Management Service, Office of Surface Mining, U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Bureau of Reclamation. BLM is implementing FBMS in mid-November of 2008.

As part of FBMS, BLM will begin using FedConnect as the communications portal with its vendors, contractors, and partners. FedConnect is an online marketplace where federal agencies post opportunities and make awards via the web. Any vendor can view postings without registering, but registered users can electronically submit responses through this site. **All current and potential vendors, contractors, and partners should register with FedConnect.**

Prior to registering with FedConnect all current and potential vendors, contractors, and partners must register with the Contractor Central Registration System (CCR) at <http://www.ccr.gov/> .

Once you have registered with CCR, go to <https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/> to register with FedConnect. Registration instructions are provided on the FedConnect website.