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Memorandum

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Office Directors

From:

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Subject:

2008 Business Integration Conference: Making The Grade

I am pleased to extend to you and members of your staffs an invitation to the 2008 DOI Business Integration Conference. This year's conference will be held March 31 through April 3, 2008, at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay in Cambridge, Maryland.

This conference provides an opportunity for Interior and bureau staffs to become familiar with and help implement important initiatives to improve our services to the public. It will also provide training in subject matters related to finance, property, budget and performance, human resources, information technology, acquisition and financial assistance. In addition, there will be an opportunity to be updated and see the progress made in the implementation of the new Financial and Business Management System, the enterprise business system being deployed to all of Interior.

The Business Integration Conference, "Making the Grade," is designed to provide tools for success in the current environment of constrained budgets and increasing workloads. Federal employees have a need for tools, information, communication and collaboration, as we strive toward increased accountability for results, more effective means of leveraging resources, and addressing change as we address process, structure and technology improvements.

I know that travel budgets are extremely tight, so we have tried to assure that the information and training at this conference will address the current and pressing issues with which we are all involved. I look forward to attending the conference and hope to see many of you and your staff there. For further details, please call Karla Smiley, 303-445-2400, or visit the conference web site at: http://www.usbr.gov/doiconference.