



## BLM Helps Pave the Road to Energy Independence

The Bureau of Land Management is making every effort to spur renewable energy development on public lands by improving the process involved in leasing public lands by private industry. Eleven BLM State Offices have embarked on a national project designed to provide

clients with updated, verified and accurate records and positional information pertaining to BLM-managed lands.

This Records Update and Verification Project, made possible with \$18.6 million in ARRA funds, represents 55 individual tasks covering the 11 Western States. It is expected to be completed by March 2012.

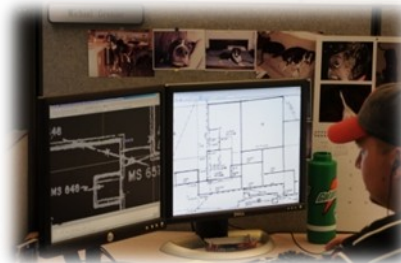
Ultimately, the 55 tasks associated with areas (townships) having the potential for renewable energy development will verify that all official records and other documents are current, complete, accurate and in digital format. This project will ensure that the BLM's database used by realty specialists (Legacy Rehost System 2000 or LR2000) accurately and precisely reflects the official record. It also will ensure all land descriptions can be mapped in GIS;

that the positional mapping of records and boundaries is accurate; and that publication and delivery of data via the internet is possible.



Tasks such as the scanning of the Control Document Index (CDI), the field collection of the GPS positions of pertinent Public Lands Survey System (PLSS) corners, the analysis of LR2000 case records,

and the enhancement to the General Land Office Automated Records Program (GLOARP) will assist in meeting these goals.



The vast majority of the work will be performed simultaneously. The primary contractor, Premier Data Services, is hiring local personnel at or near each of the State Offices, providing job opportunities to people across the West. Land surveyors, realty experts, land law examiners, landmen and other land tenure personnel will be hired to perform the work.

In the words of one recently-hired, Arizona land surveyor: "This project has kept us going through the worst recession in 80 years. Thanks for the opportunity to highlight the lasting positive affects of the ARRA program for our economy and our careers."

