



## Business Opportunities With The Bureau of Land Management

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Department of the Interior (DOI) are now acquiring goods and services electronically using the Internet. All BLM solicitations and awards for goods and services will be posted on the Department of Interior website at <http://ideasec.nbc.gov/>. Also, requirements that are valued over \$25,000 are published through FedBizOpps at <http://www.fbo.gov>.

The Office of Management and Budget has instructed all federal agencies to use the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) system as a single, Government-wide system for contractor procurement and payment information. The CCR was developed by the Department of Defense and has been in use since 1998.

Effective October 1, 2003, a vendor **must be registered** in the CCR in order to receive contracts, purchase orders or payments (**even from previously awarded contracts**) from most federal agencies, including the BLM. Beginning October 1, written presolicitation notices will no longer be mailed.

To conduct future business opportunities with BLM, you must:

1. Obtain a valid Dun & Bradstreet Number (D&B) from Dun & Bradstreet at <http://www.dnb.com/> or by calling them at 800-333-0505.
2. By no later than October 1, 2003, register your firm on the Central Contractor Registration System (CCR) at <http://www.ccr.gov>.

As of October 1, vendors will no longer need to submit bidders mailing list applications or Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) information to each agency. Vendors register themselves and maintain their own information through the CCR web site.

If you have not already registered, we encourage you to register in CCR now, to avoid any disruption or loss of awards after the revised regulation takes effect.



As a security precaution, vendors must register themselves through the on-line system. You should never be asked by Government officials to submit this data directly to them nor to give them your TPIN number. If you are asked to provide your CCR registration data to another entity, please do not do so and report the request promptly to the Department of Transportation Inspector General hotline at **1-800-424-9071**.

Public Rooms with access to a personal computer are available at many BLM or DOI offices. Your local Small Business Administration should also be able to help you and provide access to a personal computer if you do not have one. Please contact the Oregon State Office, 503-808-6359 if you have questions or need assistance.