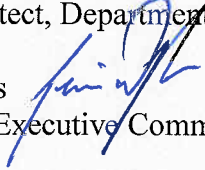




Memorandum

**JUL 15 2008**

To: Chief Architect, Department of the Interior  
Chief Architect, Department of Agriculture/Forest Service

From: Jim Douglas   
Chair, Fire Executive Committee

Subject: National Wildland Fire Blueprint Review

Attached is the National Wildland Fire Blueprint developed by the National Wildland Fire Enterprise Architecture (NWFEA) Project Team. The blueprint has been approved by the National Wildfire Coordinating Group and the Fire Executive Council.

The intent of a blueprint is to bring similarly focused organizations together to formulate a single vision and roadmap for the future business environment and resource needs. This blueprint is being created to improve our services for citizens and increase efficiencies within the interagency wildland fire community by operating as a "virtual single agency" in the response to wildland fires.

While many federal blueprint efforts focus on improvement in the delivery of technology services for a department or agency, the National Wildland Fire Blueprint focuses on improvements across the entire wildland fire enterprise, of which technology is a component. The National Wildland Fire Blueprint contains business and technical recommendations that will be integrated into the strategic direction for the various wildland fire agencies and interagency organizations. Support from wildland fire executive and management on the Enterprise Architecture concepts, goals, and recommendations identified in the blueprint are critical factors in the future success of the NWFEA program. We recognize that the blueprint effort is complicated by the fact that wildland applications not only cross agency jurisdictions, but they overlay internal agency, bureau, and departmental systems.

We ask that you facilitate the process to present the NWFEA blueprint to the appropriate department and/or agency Investment Review Board (IRB) within your organization during their next meeting. If desired, as the NWFEA Executive Sponsor, I would be happy to participate in the presentation to the IRB. The NWFEA blueprint does not include proposals for specific information technology (IT) investments, but we would appreciate IRB involvement to assure a coordinated approach to the consideration of wildland fire IT investments. As the NWFEA blueprint matures, wildland fire IT investments will be evaluated and prioritized through an interagency investment process that is linked to IRB processes. As new projects are proposed and chartered by the interagency wildland fire community, different agencies will serve as the managing partner, and submissions to the various IRBs will occur.

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Attachments:

- 1 NWFEA Blueprint Part I: Goals and Recommendations
- 2 NWFEA Blueprint Part II: Supporting Analysis

cc:

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