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To: All OCIO Employees and Contractors

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Subject: CDs: Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 Office of the Chief Information Officer –  
Indian Affairs Annual Report and Chief Information Officer – Indian  
Affairs Summit Report – First Quarter Fiscal Year 2008

It is a pleasure to share with you two CDs describing our outstanding accomplishments.

## ***1. FY 2007 Annual Report for the OCIO***

The first CD contains the Fiscal Year 2007 Annual Report for the Office of the Chief Information Officer – Indian Affairs (OCIO-IA) which highlights the significant accomplishments made in service to our internal and external customers. We created this report (and the enclosed CD) to inform Indian Affairs employees, the Department of the Interior, and Tribal communities about our technology achievements and the road ahead. It was designed and prepared by U.S. government employees with some contractor assistance. The report will be posted on the new Intranet site: <http://inside.bia.gov>.

As we complete the IA reconnection to the Internet by August 2008, we will maximize information technology to provide excellent customer service to carry out the mission of Indian Affairs. OCIO-IA intends to keep our key stakeholders informed by clearly communicating our goals and objectives as we honor our commitment to Indian Country. The vision of the OCIO-IA is to provide access to the right information for authorized users anywhere, anytime, any mission; securely and reliably.

I am proud of the significant achievements and strive to continually provide better technology and services. I appreciate the talents of our staff and stakeholders which enables us to become a premier information technology and information service provider in the Federal government. The OCIO-IA team will continue to work closely with our stakeholders to improve customer service and meet the information technology needs of Indian Country.

With the continued support of our dedicated OCIO-IA staff and stakeholders, we are moving forward with Internet reconnection, Information Portal Technology, and an updated Intranet home page. I am very proud of what the OCIO-IA team accomplished in FY 2007 through professional expertise and hard work. With everyone's commitment to excellence and to our customers, together we will achieve the goals of Indian Affairs in FY 2008 and beyond.

## ***2. FY 2007 OCIO-IA Summit Report***

I am also pleased to provide you with a CD containing the Office of the Chief Information Officer – Indian Affairs (OCIO-IA) IT Summit Report for the First Quarter Fiscal Year 2008. The IT Summit Report highlights the results of the meetings held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, from January 13 through 18, 2008. These meetings gave OCIO-IA the opportunity to share information and to learn what customers and stakeholders need for Fiscal Year 2008. This was an invaluable forum to discuss the information technology issues faced by Indian Country and to determine how to better serve these unique communities. To document the proceedings, we created this CIO IT Summit Report (with enclosed CD) to provide an overview of the events and follow-on actions. The document is marked “For Official DOI and Indian Affairs Internal Use Only”, so please ensure that it is not released outside DOI/IA.

The IT Summit was the first such event held by OCIO-IA and it enabled all participants to explore IT needs and issues supporting the Indian Affairs mission in a focused setting. The Summit featured drumbeats, chants and colors and speeches from high-level officials from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Bureau of Indian Education, the Department of the Interior, Indian Affairs, and Joe Garcia, President of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). During the four day summit, 269 attendees met to discuss IT solutions, identify IT support needs, and articulate the “on-the-ground” priorities for application of IT to meet mission needs.

The feedback from the Summit attendees indicates that it was a positive and productive experience. The Summit was successful because of the diligent staff work that went into planning the informative customer and CIO roundtables, training and education sessions, and OCIO teambuilding exercises. During the Summit, we agreed that the mission of OCIO-IA is to deliver information solutions that empower Indian Affairs programs to fulfill their commitments to Indian Country. The vision of OCIO-IA is to provide access to the right information for authorized users anywhere, anytime, any mission; securely and reliably.

We are planning the FY 2009 IT Summit in November 2008 in Phoenix, Arizona, where we will continue to work with our stakeholders and customers to achieve the results identified at the January 2008 IT Summit, and plan the way forward together. The agenda will focus on enabling the human and economic potential of our community through Information Technology. With everyone’s commitment to excellence and to our customers, together we will provide improved information technology services for Indian Country.

Attachments.