

## ADVANCED PROCUREMENT PLAN

Please list all current approved projects (fire and non-fire) exceeding \$2,500 through contracts or Federal assistance agreements in the Advanced Procurement Plan (APP) on the Intranet at <http://web.blm.gov/natacq> by November 15, 2000. This is a new threshold to plan contracts and Federal assistance projects. In addition to the usual projects listed each year in the APP, please include the following:

- Fuels treatment projects
- Emergency fire rehabilitation projects
- Communication tower replacement projects
- Communication site buildings/facilities replacements
- Sites requiring radio frequency hazard analysis
- Fire facility and other construction
- Deferred maintenance projects (including all Title VIII)
- Rural fire department assistance

Your State or Center Procurement Analyst can assist you in this effort. Please be sure to identify the Project Manager for each project. This will be used to assess Contracting Officer Representative training needs.

In addressing this data call, please note that the Congress has directed us to use procurement contracts, grants or cooperative agreements for hazardous fuels reduction activities and post-burn treatments where possible. This includes contracting for (1) training and monitoring these activities on Federal lands and adjacent non-Federal lands and (2) the use of contracting to enhance local and small business employment opportunities for rural communities, including non-profit entities, Youth Conservation Corps, or small or disadvantaged businesses.

### Definitions:

Fuels reduction activities are defined by Congress to include prescribed fire, mechanical removal, mulching, and application of chemicals. In conducting treatments, Congress directed that local contract personnel are to be used whenever possible.

For rural fire assistance, Congress directed the Department of the Interior to assist in the enhancement of fire protection capability in rural fire districts. Assistance includes: training, equipment, purchase and prevention activities on a cost-share basis.