

**TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND INFORMATION**

An ESA course (1703-26) for EPs is available at the National Training Center. The course will be offered October 22-26, 2007 and December 3-7, 2007. The course objective will be to:

- Qualify BLM Environmental Professionals (EP) through a certification process for real property acquisition per 40 CFR 312.10(b) (2) (ii),
- Familiarize students with regulatory requirements for ESAs associated with land acquisitions and disposals,
- Provide practical discussions, case studies and exercises to allow for the application of course concepts and principles, and
- Expose students to different resources that help in the ESA process.

The target audience for the course includes:

- 1) BLM employees that qualify as EPs (a list of these individuals is contained in Attachment 1) as outlined in 40 CFR Part 312 and need a refresher class, or;
- 2) BLM employees with at least 3 years of full time relevant experience but lacking a license or certification from the Federal government as an EP.

Personnel who did not meet the qualifications of an EP are encouraged to work as an Assistant Environmental Professional under the supervision of an EP to acquire experience, attend the BLM EP course to acquire certification, if applicable and take classes to acquire necessary education.