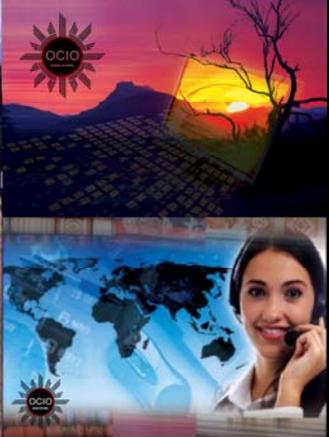




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MISSION

Deliver information solutions to empower Indian Affairs programs to fulfill their commitments to Indian Country

VISION

Access to the Right Information for Authorized Users, Anywhere, Anytime, Any Mission, Securely and Reliably

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FOREWORD FROM THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY— INDIAN AFFAIRS



I am pleased to introduce the Fiscal Year 2007 Annual Report for the Office of the Chief Information Officer—Indian Affairs (OCIO—IA). It is designed to inform Tribal communities, the Department of the Interior, and Indian Affairs employees of our technology accomplishments, challenges, and the promising outlook for emerging and enabling technologies. This report helps us communicate effectively with our key stakeholders while working to improve the lives of American Indians and Alaska Natives. I am pleased to welcome Sanjeev “Sonny” Bhagowalia as the CIO for Indian Affairs as of August 19, 2007. Sonny brings over 22 years of technical, management, and executive leadership experience from government and industry.

Technology is an essential ingredient in our effort to provide more and better services as we carry out the mission and goals of Indian Affairs. In the past year, we have seen a significant enrichment of our technology capabilities that will enable us to not only meet today’s challenges but strengthen our position for the future. We have seen meaningful maturation of financial and technical management processes and services provided by the dedicated OCIO—IA employees. We have modernized technology for Indian schools, improved essential emergency communication services for Tribal law enforcement and fire and emergency services, enhanced our Information Technology (IT) infrastructure and key applications, and improved and secured systems providing Trust services. At the same time, we made notable progress in meeting the President’s Management Agenda and complying with guiding legislation.

We are very proud of these significant achievements but recognize we have many challenges ahead before reaching our goals for providing better technology and services in the future. I am confident the dedicated men and women within the OCIO—IA will continue to work diligently and creatively, striving to provide the best as we continue to serve in the future.

In conclusion, I offer my appreciation to our stakeholders for their support, and to every person in OCIO—IA for their dedication and hard work.

Thank you.

Carl Artman
Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs



MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY —MANAGEMENT—INDIAN AFFAIRS



As Deputy Assistant Secretary—Management—Indian Affairs, I am entrusted with managing the following seven areas: CFO (finance, budget, and acquisition), CIO (all IT), Planning and Policy Analysis, Human Capital Management (all matters HR), Facilities, Environmental and Cultural Resources, and Field Support (including COOP). FY 2007 was a positive turn-around year for IA on many fronts including IT, our contribution to the successful DOI Performance and Accountability Report (PAR), and significant success in improved financial accountability in terms of quality and timeliness. We embarked on a journey to prepare for reconnection to the Internet with improved security and infrastructure. Even with progress, we realized we needed a full-time CIO with proven leadership and experience to raise IA IT to the highest industry and government standards.

I am pleased to announce we selected Sanjeev “Sonny” Bhagowalia as the CIO for Indian Affairs on August 19, 2007. He is a distinguished graduate of National Defense University with a Department of Defense (DoD) CIO certification. He brings over 22 years of proven, award-winning technical management and executive leadership experience from world class organizations in government and industry. He recently won the Presidential Rank award for meritorious executive for outstanding contributions to improving IT at the FBI, where he served as an SES member for seven of eight years. Sonny was chosen as the CIO-IA to improve IT at IA while addressing seven challenges for 2007-2008:

1. Prepare IA for reconnection to the Internet to DOI standards.
2. Augment IA IT infrastructure and security standards to meet new IA mission needs.
3. Improve quality, timeliness, and delivery of IT customer service and responsive IT solutions for our IA customers.
4. Institutionalize IT best practices, business processes, policies, governance, and a strategic management framework to uphold the highest possible standards.
5. Secure an integrated IA IT enterprise, and unify the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) IT in an efficient, streamlined standard.
6. Expand IT service offerings in a fee-for-service model with Service Level Agreements (SLAs) for those services over and above core IT services provided by OCIO-IA.
7. Establish a trained, empowered, and resourced OCIO-IA IT workforce, aligned with clear goals, responsibility, and accountability to achieve mission results.

OCIO-IA has already produced results under Sonny’s leadership in FY 2007 and, I am confident, will achieve all these goals for 2007-2008 through teamwork and partnership.

Sincerely,

Debbie Clark

Deputy Assistant Secretary—Management—Indian Affairs



MESSAGE FROM THE CIO—INDIAN AFFAIRS



It is an honor and privilege to serve as the CIO for Indian Affairs under Assistant Secretary Artman's leadership. I am pleased to present this Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2007 from the Office of the Chief Information Officer— Indian Affairs (OCIO-IA), in the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI).

The vision of the OCIO-IA is to provide access to the right information for authorized users anywhere, anytime, any mission; securely and reliably. Although IA represents approximately 14% of the total DOI budget (largest by percent in DOI), its IT budget is less than 4% of the total IA budget (the lowest "IT budget-to-total budget ratio" among all DOI bureaus). We hope to bring IA IT spending in line with that of other bureaus in DOI, allowing us to continue to make progress as we pursue our vision of fundamentally enabling IA lines of business to achieve mission goals through the timely and strategic use of IT and information. As outlined by Assistant Secretary Artman and Deputy Assistant Secretary Clark, we are addressing the challenges and goals for 2007-2008. I have instituted the top ten priorities and top ten programs/projects for OCIO-IA for 2007-2008. I am bringing in IT best practices from world class organizations. For example, FBI CIO Zal Azmi has graciously transferred sensitive but unclassified IT best practices to me for use at IA, and NASA has allowed us to make use of their Scientific Technical Engineering Mathematics (STEM) program. We also fully conform to DOI best practices.

A famous Chinese philosopher said, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." In this spirit, despite challenges and competition for scarce resources, OCIO-IA had an impressive year in FY 2007 with numerous major accomplishments, including information technology projects successfully implemented or nearing completion. In adapting to challenges, OCIO-IA has taken many steps forward, realizing major accomplishments in the areas of Infrastructure, Security, Applications, Customer Service, and Process, and readiness for Internet reconnection. This is the key time for IA to pursue and implement the most thoughtful and high quality strategic technology plans and projects consistent with enterprise architecture. FY 2007 was a banner year for turn-around in IA IT, and we look forward to achieving even more, striving to be a premier IT and information service provider in the Federal Government. We must not fail in delivering information solutions that enable IA programs to fulfill their commitments to Indian Country. Addressing this challenge is paramount in our efforts to continue the great momentum already achieved.

We are proud of our accomplishments in FY 2007 and thankful for the attention and support of our stakeholders. We look forward to meeting the challenges of tomorrow. I am convinced the OCIO-IA team will meet the new day with integrity, professionalism, discipline, innovation, and a commitment to excellence. Together, in partnership with our business stakeholders and customers, the OCIO-IA Team is resolved to succeed!

Finally, I would like to give special acknowledgement to the dedicated OCIO-IA staff. Thank you for your hard work, pursuit of excellence, diligence, professionalism, and service to IA and Indian Country. I look forward to an even more successful year in FY 2008. At this point in our journey together, we find ourselves at the Dawn of the New Information Age in IA and Indian Country.

Sincerely,

Sanjeev "Sonny" Bhagowalia

Chief Information Officer—Indian Affairs