

A WORD FROM . . .

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

We have laid out our challenge on these pages. Now we must commit our energy, talents, and resources to making it happen. The ultimate goal for Interior's acquisition community is not to simply be the best professionals we can be, but to use that standard of excellence toward achieving the Department's mission. What we do makes a tremendous difference to the customers we serve. By continually improving our business skills, we can be proud of contracting's important role in protecting and providing access to our Nation's natural and cultural heritage and honoring our trust responsibilities to tribes. Considering that we spend roughly one-third of the Department's budget through our collective effort, you can understand why it makes sense to map out who we are, where we are going, and how we will measure our success in getting there. Your help in making our new Quality in Contracting program a success is critical. Thank you for your support of the important objectives we have set forth in this Strategic Plan and our future implementation efforts. What you do matters!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Paul A. Denett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "P".

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