

Foreword

The Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990 was enacted to improve the financial management practices of the Federal Government, and to ensure the production of reliable and timely financial information for use in the management and evaluation of Federal programs. The Government Management Reform Act (GMRA) of 1994 furthered the objectives of the Chief Financial Officers Act by requiring all Federal agencies to prepare and publish annual financial reports, beginning with fiscal year 1996 activity.

The Department of the Interior has prepared this Annual Report in advance of the GMRA requirements to assist the Department in developing the appropriate format for communicating financial and related information. The ultimate objective is that the information reported is useful and informative to other Government entities, Congress, and the public.

All comments regarding the content and presentation of this report are welcome. A copy of this report as well as the Department's 1994 Prototype annual report may be found at the Office of Financial Management Web site at Uniform Resource Locator http://www.usgs.gov/doi/pfm/www_pfm.html.

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About the cover - In 1995, the bald eagle was reclassified from an endangered to a threatened species. The bald eagle is an excellent example of the cooperative efforts of Federal and State agencies, private conservation groups, and individuals, all working together to recover what was once a species on the brink of extinction in the lower 48 States.

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