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## **Interior Names Independent Administrator for USEITI**

*Strengthens Accountability, Promotes Transparency for Oil, Gas, Mineral Extraction*

**WASHINGTON, DC** – As part of President Obama’s Open Government Partnership, the Department of the Interior has awarded a contract to Deloitte & Touche LLP to provide independent administrative services for the U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative – a voluntary effort as part of a global partnership to strengthen the accountability of natural resource revenue reporting and build public trust for the governance of these vital activities.

“The domestic implementation of the global EITI transparency standards demonstrates President Obama’s continued commitment to U.S. global leadership in promoting the principles of the Open Government Partnership,” said Rhea Suh, Interior’s Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget. “USEITI implementation complements the Administration’s commitment to reforming and modernizing management of domestic natural resources overseen by the Department.”

In March 2014, the United States was the first G8 country to achieve Candidate Country status and become an EITI implementing country, joining a group of 41 countries around the world that are working actively to improve the management of their oil, gas and mining sectors.

Under EITI, participating governments work hand-in-hand with company and civil society representatives to produce reports that help citizens understand how the government manages its extractive sectors. The reports include parallel public disclosures by both the government and companies, of the payments that companies have made to the government on their oil, gas and mining development. In addition to increased transparency, EITI strengthens accountability and empowers citizens by enhancing the accessibility of information available about the revenues generated from natural resource development.

As the Independent Administrator, Deloitte & Touche LLP – an Arlington, Virginia-based subsidiary of Deloitte LLP – will produce the annual reports required of EITI member countries.

The USEITI is required by the international partnership to appoint an Independent Administrator. The USEITI multi-stakeholder group approved the Terms of Reference for the Independent Administrator and will review and approve the annual EITI Reports prepared by the Independent Administrator.

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