

## Interagency I-Suite Stabilization and Support Project

## Incident Base Automation Update March, 2003

### What is Incident Base Automation?

Incident Base Automation is a long term strategy to put in place a modular system that automates incident functions on an interagency basis. This phased strategy was approved by NWCG in May, 2002.

The following graphic displays the conceptual layout of the phases:

Phase 1—Project 1	Phase 2—Project 2	Phase 3—Multiple Component Projects (Modules)
I-Suite Stabilization & Support Project (IRSS, ICARS, ITS, IAP)	Incident Base Automation Strategic Planning Project	Incident Base Automation Component Projects
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stabilize Application</li><li>• Initiate Change management</li><li>• Provide user Support</li><li>• Provide Application Maintenance</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identify Key Business Areas</li><li>• Conduct Business Area Analysis</li><li>• Conduct Strategic Project Planning</li><li>• Prioritize &amp; Recommend Phase 3 Projects</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Infrastructure Components</li><li>• Business Area Components</li></ul>

### What is the current status ?

In March, 2003, the NWCG approved the project charter for Phase I - The Interagency I-Suite Stabilization and Support Project (IISS). The purpose of this project is to take the existing I-Suite application (IRSS, ICARS, ITS and the new Incident Action Plan module) and stabilize the software, initiate a structured helpdesk, establish standard protocols for the use of the application by IMTs, and develop an operations, support and maintenance plan that will continue until such time as the Strategic Business Requirements Analysis is complete and resulting component projects produce a system that replaces I-Suite.

During the spring of 2003, the NWCG IISS project team will transition with the I-Suite development team. It is anticipated that many of the original I-Suite team members will continue to work on the project as it converts to a nationally sponsored function. In the meantime, the I-Suite development team is continuing to work on the application, with an update release scheduled prior to fire season.

### How can you keep informed?

As the NWCG IISS Team transitions the project leadership, a communications strategy will be developed. Updates will be provided via e-mail, web sites and briefings. If you would like to be included on an update mailing list please contact Incident Base Automation Business Lead Mary Ann Szymoniak at 208.947.3715 [mszymoniak@fs.fed.us](mailto:mszymoniak@fs.fed.us) or Project Manager Jon Skeels at 303.236.0630 [jskeels@fs.fed.us](mailto:jskeels@fs.fed.us)