



# IBA2—Incident Based Automation Strategic Planning Project Spring 2005

**What is IBA2?** It is the second phase (of three phases) of the Interagency Incident Based Automation (IBA) Project, intended to improve automation of processes at an incident base. The National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) has chartered the IBA2 Team with studying the workflow during an incident to identify the need for change to incident practices that may or may not be currently automated, as well as the interconnectivity and data sharing requirements for the incident management functions. The chart below depicts the three phases of the project:

IBA Phase 1 Stabilization	IBA Phase 2 Strategic Planning	IBA Phase 3 Component Projects
<b>I-Suite Stabilization and Support (IRSS, ICARS, ITS, IAP)</b>	<b>Incident Based Automation Strategic Planning</b>	<b>Incident Based Automation Component Projects</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Stabilize I-Suite Applications</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 Planning</li> <li>-Prioritize and Recommend Projects for Phase 3</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Business Area Components</li> <li>-Infrastructure Components</li> </ul>

**Why IBA2?** Each year agencies spend millions of dollars developing tools to collect and use incident information. The lack of coordination and standardization of incident based information management tools affects the ability of Incident Management Teams (IMTs) to reliably use and share information as personnel change and/or incidents transition.

**What business areas will be analyzed?** In 2004, the NWCG approved the following areas for analysis: Planning, Operations, Logistics, Finance, Safety, Information, and general infrastructure. It is important to note that this analysis will be focused on business and automation processes only; we will not be looking at ICS or the tactics used in incident management.

**How will the information be collected?** On site interviews will be conducted to gather input on what is working well, what could work better and how changes to processes or tools could improve efficiency and cost effectiveness on incidents. We are also reviewing related efforts and reports to incorporate ideas and recommendations from them.

**When will these interviews be done?** We anticipate beginning interviews in the spring for CY2005 and continuing through early fall. IBA2 teams, consisting of a government representative and contractors from SAIC, will be conducting the interviews. A draft report is scheduled to be completed by early CY2006.

**How can I help?** We are looking for good ideas and input. If you are at a location where interviews are taking place, you are encouraged to share your ideas at that time. You can also visit <http://iba.nwcg.gov> and select the "Contact Us" tab.

