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To: All State Directors
Director, Office of Fire and Aviation
Attn: All State Engineers

From: Director, National Applied Resource Sciences Center

Subject: FY 2001 to FY 2003 Architectural-Engineering Assistance DD: 10/27/00

In July 1999, NARSC requested that State Engineers identify Architectural-Engineering (A-E) projects that we could assist them on during FYs 2000-2002. As a result of that request, NARSC's A-E Group received 73 requests. To date, we have completed and/or are working on approximately 60 of those requests. Some of the projects remaining have been deferred until FY 2001-2002, some were dropped by the requesting State, and others are being completed through the State Offices. We feel this process was very successful in FY 1999 and FY 2000 and was instrumental in helping assess and prioritize A-E work in FY 2000.

Again, we request that your office identify any A-E services and/or projects that you would anticipate needing assistance on during FY 2001 to FY 2003. This information will be helpful in coordinating our A-E workload and assisting you in meeting your work demands over the next few years.

In order to provide the Bureau with more options, flexibility, and timely service, we are continuing to utilize the services of two A-E firms and intra-agency agreements to provide nationwide architectural and engineering services. We feel the A/E contracts have worked extremely well on larger projects, such as visitor centers, administrative complexes, and nationwide initiatives. We have also utilized these contracts and Intra-agency agreements to supplement our staff on smaller projects. More information about these nationwide contracts can be obtained by contacting Robert Hart, A-E Group Supervisor.

Requests for A-E services should be submitted on the attached A-E Assistance Request Form. We ask that you use a separate form for each request and be as descriptive as possible in defining the services requested. Requests for services, regardless of funding source, for this purpose should identify which projects are Deferred Maintenance, New Construction, Fire Facility Construction, and/or O & C work.

Please understand that requests at this time are only preliminary, and final decisions on project assignment will be determined after all requests are evaluated. We will entertain requests for additional services throughout the year, and we encourage your office to contact us when we can be of assistance.

It is requested that all A-E Assistance Request forms be returned to NARSC by October 27, 2000. We will make every effort to process your requests in a timely manner. If you have any questions, please contact me at (303) 236-1142 or Robert Hart at (303) 987-6864.

Signed by:
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Director

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1 Attachment
1 - A-E Assistance Request Form (1 p)

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