OVS history

- Prior to 2003, appraisal function within bureaus
- Established in 2003 as Appraisal Services Directorate (ASD)
  - Shifted appraisals and staff from bureaus to ASD
    - As a result of controversies over independent valuation issues, pressure on appraisers and questionable appraisals.
  - Organized geographically.
  - Operated as part of the National Business Center
  - Met goal (OIG, GAO, TAF) for appraisal independence
OVS history

• Significant issues persisted:
  – Management turnover,
  – prioritization conflicts,
  – poor communications,
  – slow responses,
  – inefficient contracting
    ➔ poor customer service.
OVS Major reorganization:

- Shifted from geographic service to client-based service model (*with geographic coverage*)
  - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
  - National Park Service
  - Bureau of Reclamation
  - Bureau of Land Management
- In addition, OVS maintains the **Office of Minerals Evaluation**, headed by **Bob Davidoff** to support minerals evaluation
Outreach to the profession:

• OVS, and our client bureaus, are a key client for AI members: ~1,000 assignments/year
• OVS looking to fill staff positions:
  – Watch USAJobs.org … and feel free to make referrals
• OVS very interested in, concerned about appraisal policies and practices: UASFLA (Yellow Book)
• Welcome opportunity for interaction with industry organizations.
• Help us meet our goal: 85% within 120 days.