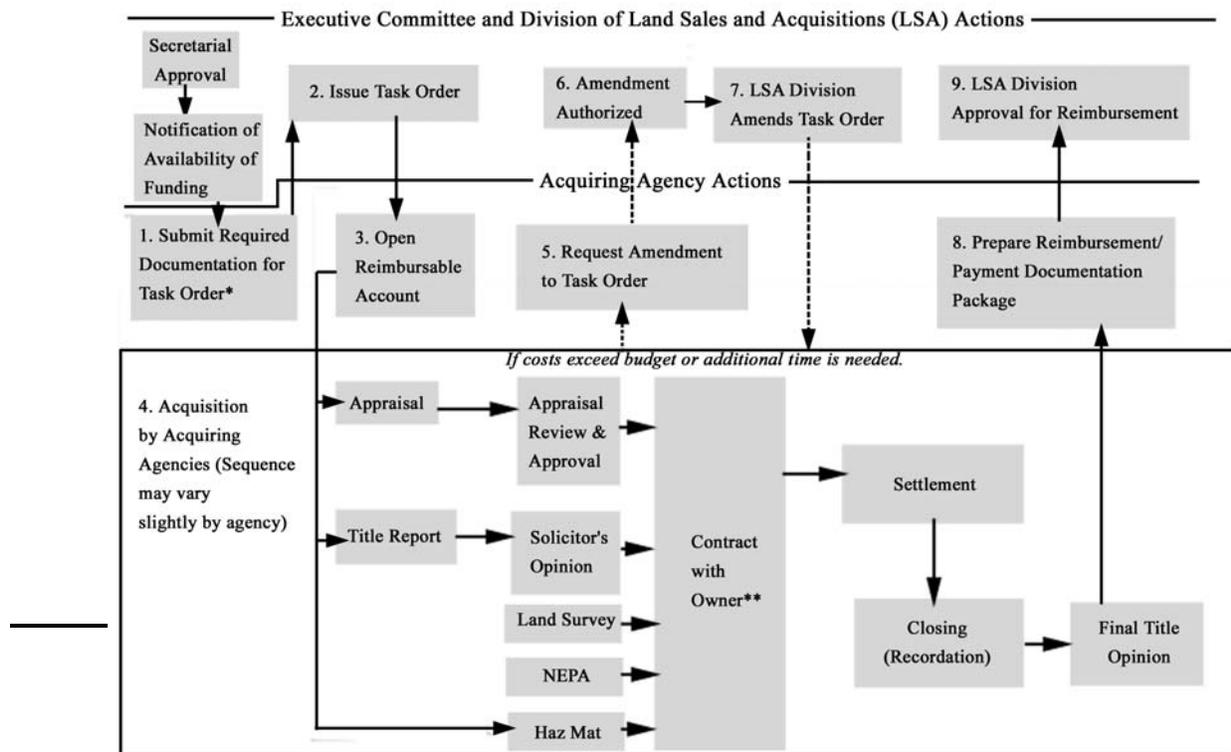


order. The acquiring agency has one year from the date of notification of funding to submit the documentation required to open a Task Order. Any land acquisition that has not been issued a Task Order within one year from the date of notification of availability of funds will be returned to the agency to be re-submitted in a subsequent round.

Task Order for an Early Appraisal. The BLM – Las Vegas Field Office Division of Land Sales and Acquisitions may recommend to the agency, or approve a request from the agency, to obtain an early appraisal prior to funding of the acquisition (and prior to opening a Task Order). Given the lead time for appraisals, beginning this process earlier will enable the agency to determine early in the acquisition process whether there is truly a willing seller resulting from an agreement to the appraised value/purchase price. Early appraisal can facilitate more efficient and timely acquisitions, and prevent the expenditure of resources on acquisitions that fail and terminate when the owner will not sell the property at the appraised value. Where there is a written agreement on price, early appraisal may also lead to an early purchase agreement, which would be conditioned on the completion of all required clearances, notifications and approvals.

If an early appraisal is approved by the BLM – Las Vegas Field Office Division of Land Sales and Acquisitions, a separate Early Appraisal Task Order will be issued for the estimated cost of the appraisal only. Early Appraisal Task Orders will be issued for a term of one year and are not eligible for extension. Funding for early appraisals will initially be provided through the accounting code for the SNPLMA implementation budget. In all instances, when funding reaches the acquisition, the funding source for the early appraisal will be modified to reflect the accounting code for that specific acquisition in order to accurately track expenditures under the approved budget for acquisition of environmentally sensitive land.

Figure 2: Process Flowchart: Land and/or Interest in Land Acquisitions



* Must be issued within 12 months of notification of availability of funds.

** Must be signed within 12 months of issuance of Task Order.