

Office of the Secretary of Transportation

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of 1975, as amended, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Equal Pay Act of 1963. The Office of Civil Rights also provides policy guidance to the operating administrations and Secretarial officers on these matters. Also, the Office periodically reviews and evaluates the civil rights programs of the operating administrations to ensure that recipients of DOT funds meet applicable Federal civil rights requirements.

(m) *Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization.* Responsible for the Department's implementation and execution of the functions and duties under sections 8 and 15 of the Small Business Act, as amended, (15 U.S.C. 637 and 644), and for other departmental small and disadvantaged business policy direction.

(n) [Reserved]

(o) *Office of Intelligence and Security.* Focal point within the Department of Transportation for intelligence and security matters which affect the safety of the traveling public.

(p) *Office of Public Affairs.* Focal point for public information and departmental relations with the news media, the general public, and selected special publics.

(q) *Office of the Chief Information Officer.* Serves as principal advisor to the Secretary on matters involving information resources and information systems management.

[Amdt. 1-261, 59 FR 10062, Mar. 3, 1994, as amended by Amdt. 265, 60 FR 2891, Jan. 12, 1995; Amdt. 1-274, 60 FR 62762, Dec. 7, 1995; Amdt. 1-290, 62 FR 51804, Oct. 3, 1997]

§ 1.24 Authority.

(a) The Deputy Secretary may exercise the authority of the Secretary, except where specifically limited by law, order, regulation, or instructions of the Secretary.

(b) Acting in his or her own name and title, each Assistant Secretary, the Inspector General, or the General Counsel, within his or her sphere of responsibility, is authorized to identify and define the requirements for, and to recommend to the Secretary, new or revised Departmental policies, plans, and proposals. Each of these officers is authorized to issue Departmental stand-

ards, criteria, systems and procedures that are consistent with applicable laws, Executive Orders, Government-wide regulations and policies established by the Secretary, and to inspect, review, and evaluate Departmental program performance and effectiveness and advise the Secretary regarding the adequacy thereof.

(c) Except for nondelegable statutory duties, including those which devolve as a result of succession to act as Secretary of Transportation, each Deputy Assistant Secretary, the Deputy Inspector General, and the Deputy General Counsel is authorized to act for and perform the duties of his or her principal in the absence or disability of the principal and as otherwise directed by the principal.

(d) *Inspector General.* The Inspector General shall report to and be under the general supervision of the Secretary and Deputy Secretary. In accordance with the statutory intent of the Inspector General Act to create an independent and objective unit, the Inspector General is authorized to make such investigations and reports relating to the administration of the programs and operations of the Department as are, in the judgment of the Inspector General, necessary and desirable. Neither the Secretary nor the Deputy Secretary shall prevent or prohibit the Inspector General from initiating, carrying out, or completing any audit or investigation, or from issuing any subpoena during the course of any audit or investigation.

[Amdt. 1-113, 40 FR 43901, Sept. 24, 1975, as amended by Amdt. 1-157, 45 FR 83404, Dec. 18, 1980]

§ 1.25 Relationships.

(a) *Normal staff role.* Normally, the functions of the Assistant Secretaries are staff and advisory in nature. In performing their functions, the Assistant Secretaries are responsible for continuing liaison and coordination among themselves and with the operating administrations to:

(1) Avoid unnecessary duplication of effort by or in conflict with the performance of similar activities by the operating administrations and the other Assistant Secretaries pursuant