

accordance with the requirements of 5 U.S.C. 5584, and the implementing regulations and standards of the Comptroller General; and

(9) Enter into ratification agreements at the direction of the Department of Justice in order to insure that FEMA's subrogation interest will be represented.

§ 2.14 Office of Congressional and Governmental Affairs.

(a) *Mission.* The Office of Congressional and Governmental Affairs coordinates FEMA's ongoing emergency management relationships with the Congress, public interest groups, and State and local organizations.

(b) *Functions.* The principal functions of the Office of Congressional and Governmental Affairs are:

(1) Liaison with Congress, the Office of Management and Budget, and the White House on legislative matters directly affecting FEMA;

(2) Advising the Director and other FEMA officials on actions pending or anticipated in Congress;

(3) Liaison with Federal Coordinating Officers following declarations of disasters or emergencies under the Stafford Act, on matters requiring coordination with Congress; and

(4) Liaison with FEMA's constituencies on FEMA legislative matters.

(c) *Delegated authorities.* The Director of the Office of Congressional and Governmental Affairs is authorized to exercise the duties and powers of the Director in the Director's capacity as agency head in support of the functions listed in paragraph (b) of this section.

§ 2.15 Office of Emergency Information and Public Affairs.

(a) *Mission.* The Office of Emergency Information and Public Affairs informs the public about FEMA's programs and activities, both in time of disaster and in other times.

(b) *Functions.* The principal functions of the Office of Emergency Information and Public Affairs are:

(1) Gathering and dissemination of information about FEMA's programs and activities;

(2) Liaison with news media;

(3) Management of Joint Information Centers during disasters.

(c) *Delegated authorities.* The Director of the Office of Emergency Information and Public Affairs is authorized to exercise the duties and powers of the Director in the Director's capacity as agency head as set forth in paragraph (b) of this section.

§ 2.16 Office of Policy and Assessment.

(a) *Mission.* The Office of Policy and Assessment manages and facilitates policy development, strategic planning, planning, performance standards and assessment, innovation, and organizational development to achieve FEMA's overall mission.

(b) *Functions.* The principal functions of the Office of Policy and Assessment are:

(1) Facilitation of the development and implementation of Agency policy, including systematic review and evaluation of that policy;

(2) Development and coordination of FEMA's strategic planning process;

(3) Development of standards and mechanisms for evaluation of Agency performance;

(4) Development and implementation of a system for identifying shortfalls in Agency programs and performance and for monitoring progress towards their remediation;

(5) Oversight of FEMA's implementation of the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993, Pub. L. 103-62, 107 Stat. 285.

(6) Oversight of implementation of FEMA's environmental responsibilities;

(7) Support of the FEMA Executive Board;

(8) Oversight of, and provision of guidance for, FEMA's renewal and participation in the Reinvention Laboratory process; and

(9) Facilitating institutional change and innovation.

(c) *Delegated authorities.* The Director of the Office of Policy and Assessment is authorized to exercise the duties and powers of the Director in the Director's capacity as agency head in support of the functions listed in paragraph (b) of this section.