

law and regulation, whether the Agency's internal control systems and other financial systems and processes comply with applicable law and regulation.

(11) Develop and implement administrative standards and cost principles for the Agency's assistance programs in conformity with rules, circulars, and other directives that are issued by the General Accounting Office, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Department of the Treasury.

(12) Develop and maintain procedures for approving requisitions for disbursing funds, reports of current accounts rendered by disbursing officers, and other financial and accounting documents involving FEMA, the General Accounting Office, the Department of the Treasury, and the Office of Management and Budget.

(13) Certify to the General Accounting Office any charge against any officer or agent entrusted with public property, arising from any loss and accruing by this person's fault, to the Government as to the property so entrusted to this person.

(14) Approve all expenditures and receipt all vouchers and other documents necessary to carry out FEMA's appropriations and programs.

(15) Certify that all required documents, information and approvals respecting fiscal transactions are present; verify or cause to be verified the accuracy of the financial computations, the consistency of the information included in the various documents; and determine, or cause to be determined, that the financial transactions of the Agency are in strict accordance with the law, regulations and decisions.

(16) Authorize officers and employees to certify vouchers.

(17) Receive and credit amounts received to the applicable appropriation of FEMA or to the miscellaneous receipts account.

(18) Request cashier designation and resolution from the Department of the Treasury, and designate cashiers to serve in FEMA.

(19) Approve invitational travel for the Office of Financial Management.

(20) Have access to records and documents as required by 31 U.S.C. 902(b) (1)(A), (1)(B), and (1)(C). Access to

records and documents is subject to the limitations in 31 U.S.C. 902(b)(2).

§ 2.20 Office of Regional Operations.

(a) *Mission.* The Office of Regional Operations coordinates FEMA's policies, programs, and administrative and management guidance with Regional Directors and ensures that regional implementation is consistent with the Director's goals.

(b) *Functions.* The principal functions of the Office of Regional Operations are:

(1) Liaison between the Regional Directors and the Director, Associate Directors, Administrators, and Office Directors;

(2) Advising the Director, Associate Directors, Administrators, and Office Directors on regional matters; and

(3) Providing guidance to Regional Directors on policy, programs, operations, and administrative matters.

(c) *Delegated authorities.* The Director of the Office of Regional Operations 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.

§ 2.21 Ombudsman. [Reserved]

§ 2.22 Regional Offices.

(a) *Mission.* The Regional Offices implement FEMA's policies and programs at the regional level.

(b) *Functions.* The principal functions of the Regional Offices are:

(1) Liaison, within the regions, with other Federal agencies, State and local governments, voluntary and other private organizations, and the public;

(2) Recommendations to the Director on implementation of policy and improvement of the administration of FEMA's programs;

(3) Administration of Comprehensive Cooperative Agreements, grants, and other financial assistance to State and local governments;

(4) Response to disasters and emergencies declared under the Stafford Act, through Regional Response Teams;

(5) Recovery activities under the Stafford Act;