

Office of the Secretary of Transportation

§ 1.22

Special Programs Improvement Act (Pub. L. 108-426, 118 Stat. 2423 (November 30, 2004)).

(2) After consultation with modal and OST offices, making recommendations to the Secretary on all modal and OST research budgets.

(3) Serving as the focal point for Departmental research, development, and technology endeavors, in coordination with the Under Secretary for Policy.

(4) Planning, developing, initiating and managing programs in transportation research and development. Programs undertaken by RITA shall not be duplicative of similar programs undertaken by any modal or OST office. Maintaining the capability to perform research, development, and analysis in transportation planning and socio-economic effects, program management, and provide advice on technology in DOT policy development. Particular efforts will be made on analyzing transportation systems problems and developing innovative research products, processes and applications to solve them, advanced transportation concepts, and multimodal transportation. RITA will develop and maintain vital statistics and related transportation information databases.

(5) Providing leadership on technical, navigation, communication, and systems engineering activities.

(6) Providing a point of contact for the Department with the academic community to encourage transportation research.

(7) Providing university transportation research grants.

(8) Managing a Transportation Safety Institute which designs and conducts training programs responsive to the requirements of Government and industry as expressed by the operating administrations of the Department.

(9) Carrying out comprehensive transportation statistics research, analysis, and reporting.

(10) Providing oversight of the activities of the Bureau of Transportation Statistics.

(11) Providing oversight of the activities of the Volpe National Transportation Systems Center.

(12) Coordinating intermodal research initiatives and planning activities.

(13) Serving as a focal point within the Federal government for coordination of intermodal transportation research and development policy, in coordination with the Under Secretary for Policy.

(1) *The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration*. Is responsible for:

(1) Managing program and regulatory activities, including administering laws and promulgating and enforcing regulations on safety matters relating to motor carrier safety;

(2) Carrying out motor carrier registration and authority to regulate household goods transportation;

(3) Developing strategies for improving commercial motor vehicle, operator, and carrier safety;

(4) Inspecting records and equipment of commercial motor carriers, and investigating accidents and reporting violations of motor carrier safety regulations; and

(5) Carrying out research, development, and technology transfer activities to promote safety of operation and equipment of motor vehicles for the motor carrier transportation program.

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Subpart B—Office of the Secretary

§ 1.21 Purpose.

This subpart establishes the basic organizational structure, spheres of primary responsibility, and lines of authority in the Office of the Secretary. It also describes the relationships between the Office of the Secretary and the operating administrations, and provides for succession to the position of Secretary in case of need.

§ 1.22 Structure.

(a) *Secretary and Deputy Secretary*. The Secretary and Deputy Secretary are assisted by the following, all of which report directly to the Secretary: The Under Secretary for Policy; the Executive Secretariat; the Board of Contract Appeals; the Departmental Office of Civil Rights; the Office of