

Office of the Secretary of Transportation

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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

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Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization; the Office of Intelligence, Security, and Emergency Response; the Office of Public Affairs; and the Office of the Chief Information Officer. The Assistant Secretaries, the General Counsel, and the Inspector General also report directly to the Secretary.

(b) *Office of the Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy.* This Office is composed of the Offices of Environment, Energy and Safety; and Economics.

(c) *Office of the Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs.* This Office is composed of the Offices of Aviation International Economics; International Transportation and Trade; International Aviation; and Aviation Analysis.

(d) *Office of the General Counsel.* This Office is composed of the Offices of Environmental, Civil Rights, and General Law; International Law; Litigation; Legislation; Regulation and Enforcement; and Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings.

(e) *Office of the Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs.* This Office is composed of the Offices of Programs and Evaluation; and Budget.

(f) *Office of the Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs.* This office is composed of the Offices of Congressional Affairs and Intergovernmental Affairs.

(g) *Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration.* This Office is composed of the Offices of Personnel; Management Planning; Information Resource Management; Administrative Services and Property Management; Hearings; Acquisition and Grant Management; Security; Financial Management; and Administrative Systems Development.

(h) *Office of the Inspector General.* The duties and responsibilities of the Office of Inspector General are carried out by the Assistant Inspector General for Auditing; the Assistant Inspector General for Investigations; the Assistant Inspector General for Policy, Planning, and Resources; and the Assistant In-

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spector General for Inspections and Evaluations.

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§ 1.23 Spheres of primary responsibility.

(a) *Secretary and Deputy Secretary.* Overall planning, direction, and control of departmental affairs including civil rights, contract appeals, small and disadvantaged business participation in departmental programs, transportation research and technology, commercial space transportation, intelligence and security, and public affairs.

(b) *The Under Secretary for Policy.* Provides leadership in the development of policy for the Department, supervises the policy activities of Assistant Secretaries with primary responsibility for aviation, international, and other transportation policy development and carries out other powers and duties prescribed by the Secretary. Assists the Secretary and Deputy Secretary in carrying out a variety of executive and managerial policies, programs and initiatives. Serves as the focal point within the Federal Government for coordination of intermodal transportation policy which brings together departmental intermodal perspectives, advocates intermodal interests, and provides secretarial leadership and visibility on issues that involve or affect more than one operating administration.

(c) *General Counsel.* Legal services as the chief legal officer of the Department, legal advisor to the Secretary and the Office of the Secretary; final authority within the Department on questions of law; professional supervision, including coordination and review, over the legal work of the legal offices of the Department; drafting of legislation and review of legal aspects of legislative matters; point of coordination for the Office of the Secretary and Department Regulations Council; advice on questions of international law; advice and assistance with respect