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Manager/Postmaster who reports to a Field Division General Manager/Postmaster.

(b) *Functional Units.* Each Management Sectional Center is organized into six functions: Finance, City Operations, Operations Services, Marketing, Human Resources, and Field Operations, as follows:

(1) Finance is responsible for the operation of all management information systems, accounting and budget, timekeeping, financial analysis, statistical programs, procurement and office services, auditing, and compliance.

(2) City Operations is responsible for all mail processing within the MSC facility including stations and branches and air mail operations; plant and equipment engineering; fleet operations; vehicle operations and maintenance.

(3) Operations Services is responsible for providing staff support to the operations function. The primary functions in operations services include quality control, logistics, address information systems, delivery services, and industrial engineering.

(4) Marketing plans and implements Postal Service marketing strategies, account management, technical sales support, retail marketing, merchandising and sales information systems. It provides marketing data to operations and other functional areas on customer demand, and recommends locations of retail facilities, hours of operation, collection boxes, and similar retail and delivery programs.

(5) Human Resources is responsible for labor relations, EEO complaint processing, employment and development, training, compensation and staffing, affirmative action, and safety and health.

(6) Field Operations is responsible for the management and evaluation of associate offices that report to the Management Sectional Center. This includes the development of operating budgets and disbursement of funds; investigation and correction of operational, service, budget, productivity and efficiency problems; and providing technical assistance. Larger associate offices report to the MSC Manager/Postmaster as follows:

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(i) MSC V—Associate Office, level 22 and above.

(ii) MSC IV—Associate Office, level 21 and above.

(iii) MSC III—Associate Office, level 20 and above.

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§ 229.4 Other Field Organizations.

(a) *Bulk Mail Centers (BMCs).* Bulk Mail Centers serve a specific geographic area and are headed by a manager who reports to the Field Division General Manager/Postmaster. BMCs are responsible for processing certain types of second- and third-class mail in bulk form and parcel post mail, normally in bulk or piece form.

(b) *Associate Offices.* Associate offices are headed by a postmaster who reports to a Director, Field Operations, in an MSC or a field division. Associate offices are responsible for the receipt, delivery, and dispatch of all classes of mail for geographic areas normally encompassing the boundaries of a city or town.

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AUTHORITY: Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended (Pub. L. 95-452, as amended), 5 U.S.C. App. 3; 39 U.S.C. 401(2).

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§ 230.1 Establishment and authority.

(a) There is established, pursuant to the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.3), and 39 U.S.C. 410, an independent Office of Inspector General.

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(b) The Inspector General reports directly to the nine presidentially appointed Governors and shall not be supervised by, nor report to, the Postmaster General and/or any designee appointed by the Postmaster General.

(c) The Office of Inspector General includes an Inspector General, an Assistant Inspector General for Audit, and an Assistant Inspector General for Investigations. The Office of Inspector General maintains its own legal counsel independent of the Postal Service Law Department for matters that are within the jurisdiction of the Office.

(d) The Office of Inspector General is responsible for detecting and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse in the programs and operations of the Postal Service, and for reviewing existing and proposed legislation and regulations relating to the programs and operations of the Postal Service.

(e) The Inspector General has oversight responsibilities for all activities of the Postal Inspection Service. The Chief Postal Inspector must promptly report to the Inspector General significant activities and other information related to the Inspection Service as required by law.

(f) The Inspector General has sole responsibility for directing the Office of Inspector General, including the authority to select, appoint, and employ such officers and employees that the Inspector General deems necessary and appropriate to fulfill the mission of the Office. In addition, the Inspector General may delegate to such officers and employees of the Inspector General such powers, duties, and responsibilities, as the Inspector General deems necessary and appropriate for the proper functioning of the Office.

(g) All employees in the Office of Inspector General shall take and subscribe to the oath of office required of all Postal Service employees under 39 U.S.C. 1011, and the Inspector General, or designee, is authorized to administer such oath and affirmation.

(h) The Inspector General has the authority to enter into contracts or other arrangements with public agencies and with private entities, and to make such payments as may be necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Office of Inspector General.

(i) The Inspector General may hire and retain the services of expert consultants and other personnel as necessary to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the Office.

(j) Except as required by law, the Governors may not transfer to the Inspector General responsibility for performing any of the program activities of the Postal Service.

§ 230.2 Access to information and other responsibilities.

(a) The Inspector General has authority to have access to all postal records, reports, audits, reviews, documents, papers, information, and other material relating to any matter related to the responsibilities of the Inspector General;

(b) The Inspector General shall be the Investigating Official for purposes of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act.

§ 230.3 Cooperation with the Office of Inspector General.

(a) All Postal Service employees shall cooperate with all audits, reviews, and investigations conducted by the Office of Inspector General. Deliberately submitting information known to be false or misleading to the Office of Inspector General or failing to cooperate with all audits, reviews, and investigations conducted by the Office of Inspector General may be grounds for disciplinary or other legal action.

(b) Any employee who has authority to take, direct another to take, recommend or approve any personnel action shall not retaliate against any employee as a reprisal for cooperating and assisting with any Office of Inspector General audit, review, or investigation (including reporting facts or information to the Office of Inspector General that leads to any audit, review, or investigation).

§ 230.4 Arrest and investigative powers of criminal investigators.

Under the authority of 18 U.S.C. 3061, criminal investigators employed by the Office of Inspector General are authorized to perform the following functions in connection with their official duties:

(1) Serve warrants and subpoenas issued under the authority of the United States;