(b) Authority to administer oaths other than for employment. The following are authorized to administer oaths concerning matters other than employment:

(1) Postal inspectors, with regard to any matter coming before them in the performance of their official duties;

(2) Any member of a board who is assigned to conduct hearings or investigations in which sworn testimony, affidavits, or depositions are required, and each officer or employee assigned to conduct such hearings or investigations;

(3) Postmasters, where required in the performance of their official duties.

(c) Authority to function as notaries public. (1) Postmasters in Alaska have the authority to administer oaths and affirmations, take acknowledgments and make and execute certificates thereof, and perform all other functions of a notary public within Alaska when a certification is necessary to meet any Act of Congress or the Legislature of Alaska. No fees may be charged for notarial services.

(2) An officer or employee who is a notary public shall not charge or receive compensation for notarial services for another officer or employee regarding Government business; nor for notarial services for any person during the hours of the notary's services to the Government, including the lunch period.

§ 223.2 Further delegation. Authority may be further delegated unless prohibited by law, a regulation that expressly prohibits further delegation, or terms of the delegation.

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§ 223.1 Headquarters and areas.

Headquarters provides policy guidance, procedures, and interpretation to area officials.

§ 223.2 Channels of communication, headquarters with area offices.

(a) General. Headquarters organizational units formulate the directives to provide guidance to area officials.

(b) Policies. Policies are issued over the signatures of the vice presidents of the functional organizations (unless the postmaster general or deputy postmaster general issues these directives personally). Whether published on paper or online, such policies must be coordinated with other appropriate organizations before issuance, and reviewed, published, and managed by Public Affairs and Communications. If within the authority of the issuer, these policies have the same effect as though sent by the postmaster general or deputy postmaster general.

(c) Procedures. Regulations, instructions, and implementation guidelines are issued over the signatures of vice presidents of functional organizations or their accountable functional unit managers and used to implement programs and business activities. Whether published on paper or online, such procedures must be coordinated with other appropriate organizations before issuance and reviewed, published, and managed by Public Affairs and Communications.

§ 223.3 Other delegation.

(a) Documentation. All delegations of authority must be officially documented.

(b) Position title. Delegations of authority must ordinarily be made by position title rather than by name of the individual involved. An officer or executive acting for a principal has the principal’s full authority.

(c) Level. When authority is delegated to an officer, the officers above that officer shall have the same authority. Delegated authority does not extend to aides unless an aide is acting for the supervisor (see paragraph (b) of this section) or is specifically authorized by the superior to exercise such authority.

(d) Agreement with law. A delegation must agree with the law and regulations under which it is made and contain such specific limiting conditions as may be appropriate.
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AUTHORITY: 5 U.S.C. App.3; 39 U.S.C. 401(2)
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SOURCE: 67 FR 16025, Apr. 4, 2002, unless
otherwise noted.

Subpart A—General Policy and Authority

§ 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.

(b) The Inspector General reports di-
rectly to the nine presidentially ap-
pointed Governors and shall not be su-
pervised by, nor report to, the Post-
master General and/or any designee ap-
pointed by the Postmaster General.

(c) The Office of Inspector General
includes an Inspector General, an As-
sistant Inspector General for Audit,
and an Assistant Inspector General for
Investigations. The Office of Inspector
General maintains its own legal coun-
sel 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 pre-
venting fraud, waste, and abuse in the
programs and operations of the Postal
Service, including, investigating all al-
legations of violations of postal laws or
misconduct by postal employees, in-
cluding mail theft, and for reviewing
existing and proposed legislation and
regulations relating to the programs
and operations of the Postal Service.