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§ 1.33 Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs and Chief Financial Officer.

(a) The Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs is the principal budget and financial advisor to the Secretary and serves as Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for the Department. The Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs and CFO provides oversight and policy guidance for all budget, financial management, program performance, and internal control activities of the Department and its Operating Administrations.

(b) The Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs and CFO concurs in the appointment and promotion of Chief Financial Officers, Budget Officers, and Directors of Finance of the Department and its Operating Administrations, and participates with each Administrator in the performance reviews of Chief Financial Officers, Budget Officers, and Directors of Finance in each of the Operating Administrations.

(c) The Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs and CFO, in consultation with the Chief Information Officer, may designate any information technology system as a financial management system under the CFO’s policy and oversight area of responsibility.

(d) The Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs and CFO serves as the Vice Chair of the Department’s Credit Council. The Office of the Assistant Secretary supports the Department’s Credit Council by analyzing applications for the Department’s various credit programs. The CFO also oversees the TIFIA program and the TIFIA Joint Program Office on behalf of the Secretary, including the evaluation of individual projects, and provides overall policy direction and program decisions for the TIFIA program.

(e) The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs and CFO is responsible for preparation, review, and presentation of Department budget estimates; liaison with the Office of Management and Budget and Congressional Budget and Appropriations Committees; preparation of the Department’s annual financial statements; departmental financial plans, apportionments, reprogramming, and allotments; program and systems evaluation and analysis; program evaluation criteria; program resource plans; analysis and review of legislative proposals and one-time reports and studies required by Congress; and budget and financial management relating to the Office of the Secretary.

§ 1.34 Delegations to the Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs and Chief Financial Officer.

The Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs and CFO is delegated authority to:

(a) Serve as the Department’s Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 901 (Establishment of Agency Chief Financial Officers).

(b) Exercise day-to-day operating management responsibility over the Office of Budget and Program Performance, the Office of Financial Management, and the Office of the CFO for the Office of the Secretary.

(c) Direct and manage the Departmental planning, evaluation, budget, financial management, and internal control activities.

(d) Exercise oversight and provide exclusive policy guidance to the Enterprise Services Center (ESC) regarding all financial management activities conducted by ESC and financial systems operated by ESC. This authority includes concurrence with any organizational changes within the Federal Aviation Administration that may affect financial management operations of the ESC.
§ 1.35 Request apportionment or re-apportionment of funds by the Office of Management and Budget, provided that no request for apportionment or re-apportionment which anticipates the need for a supplemental appropriation shall be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget without appropriate certification by the Secretary.

(f) Issue allotments or allocations of funds to components of the Department.

(g) Authorize and approve official travel and transportation for staff members of the Immediate Office of the Secretary including authority to sign and approve related travel orders and travel vouchers, but not including requests for overseas travel.

(h) Issue monetary authorizations for use of reception and representation funds.

(i) Act for the Secretary and Deputy Secretary with respect to certain budgetary and administrative matters relating to the Immediate Office of the Secretary.

(j) Exercise the Secretary’s authority under 31 U.S.C. 3711 to collect, compromise, suspend collection action on, or terminate claims of the United States not exceeding $100,000 (excluding interest) which are referred to, or arise out of the activities of, the Office of the Secretary (excluding claims pertaining to the Working Capital Fund).


(p) Exercise the Secretary’s authority under the Accounting and Auditing Act of 1950 (31 U.S.C. 3512), as amended by FMFIA.


(r) Exercise the Secretary’s authority under the Accountability of Tax Dollars Act of 2002, 31 U.S.C. 3515.

(s) Exercise the Secretary’s authority under the Government Management Reform Act of 1994 (GMRA) (Pub. L. 103–358).

§ 1.36 Delegations to the Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs.

The Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs serves as the Department’s primary point of contact for Congressional offices, as well as State and locally elected officials; works with other departmental offices to ensure that Congressional mandates are fully implemented by the Department; and works with the White House, other Federal agencies, and Congress to fulfill the Department’s legislative priorities. The Assistant Secretary coordinates congressional and intergovernmental activities with governmental affairs offices in the Operating Administrations. The Assistant Secretary participates with each Administrator in the performance reviews of the Operating Administrations’ Directors of Governmental Affairs. The Assistant Secretary supervises the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Tribal Government Affairs who plans and coordinates the Department’s policies and programs with respect to Indian tribes and tribal organizations.

§ 1.37 Assistant Secretary for Administration.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration is delegated authority to:

(a) Establish procedures for responding to Congressional correspondence; and

(b) Supervise the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Tribal Government Affairs.

§ 1.38 Assistant Secretary for Administration.