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Dear IG Deahl,

We reviewed the system of quality control for the U.S. Government Publishing Office's (GPO) Office of Inspector General (OIG) in effect between April 1, 2025, and March 31, 2026. A system of quality control includes multiple aspects of an organization, including, but not limited to, policies and procedures designed to provide reasonable assurance of complying with the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency's (CIGIE's) *Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation*, December 2020 (Blue Book).

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the GPO OIG in effect between April 1, 2025, and March 31, 2026, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) OIG with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with the Blue Book. Inspection and Evaluation (I&E) organizations can receive a rating of pass, pass with deficiencies, or fail. The GPO OIG has received an External Peer Review rating of **pass**.

Basis of Opinion
This required external peer review was conducted in accordance with CIGIE's *Guide for Conducting External Peer Reviews of Inspection and Evaluation Organizations of Federal Offices of Inspector General* (July 2023) and the Memorandum of Understanding between the Offices of the Inspectors General of AOC and GPO, entered into on April 1, 2026.

During our review, we interviewed GPO OIG personnel and obtained an understanding of the nature of the GPO OIG's I&E function and the design of the GPO OIG's system of quality control sufficient to assess the risks implicit in its I&E function. Based on our assessments, we selected I&E reports and administrative files to test for conformity with Blue Book standards and compliance with the GPO OIG's system of quality control.

In performing our review, we obtained an understanding of the system of quality control for the GPO OIG's I&E function. In addition, we tested compliance with the GPO OIG's quality control policies and procedures to the extent we considered appropriate. These tests covered the application of GPO OIG's policies and procedures on selected I&E reports. Our review was based on selected tests; therefore, it would not necessarily detect all weaknesses in the system of quality control or all instances of noncompliance with it.

Prior to concluding the peer review, we reassessed the adequacy of the scope of the peer review procedures and met with GPO OIG management to discuss the results of our review. We believe that the procedures we performed provide a reasonable basis for our opinion. Enclosure 1 to this report identifies the GPO OIG's I&E reports we reviewed.

GPO OIG's management officials provided a response to our Peer Review Report (Enclosure 2) in which they agreed with our overall rating.

Responsibilities and Limitations
The GPO OIG is responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of quality control designed to provide the GPO OIG with reasonable assurance that the organization and its personnel comply in all material respects with Blue Book standards. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of the system of quality control and the GPO OIG's compliance based on our review.

There are inherent limitations in the effectiveness of any system of quality control; therefore, noncompliance with the system of quality control may occur and may not be detected. Projection of any evaluation of a system of quality control to future periods is subject to the risk that the system of quality control may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or because the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

We appreciate the courtesies extended to our staff during the external peer review process. If you have any questions, please contact me at 202.593.1948 or luiz.santos@aoc.gov. Alternatively, your staff may contact Peter Sima-Eichler, Deputy Inspector General, at 202.355.5948 or peter.sima-eichler@aoc.gov or Chico Bennett, Assistant Inspector General for Inspections and Evaluations, at 202.394.2391 or chico.bennett@aoc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Architect of the Capitol

Enclosure:
1. Scope and Methodology
2. GPO OIG's Response to Draft External Peer Review Report

Enclosure 1: Scope and Methodology

We reviewed compliance with the GPO OIG's system of quality control for I&E engagements in effect between April 1, 2025, and March 31, 2026, to the extent we considered appropriate. We selected a judgmental sample of two of the four I&E reports the GPO OIG issued during the period under review based on the report's issuance date, information security sensitivity, and whether it contained recommendations. We selected the following two reports for review:

Report No.	Issuance Date	Title
25-01-II	August 21, 2025	Federal Depository Library Program Assessments Inspection
25-02-II	June 5, 2025	GPO Procured Printing Inspection

Enclosure 2: GPO OIG's Response to Draft External Peer Review Report

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September 8, 2026

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Subject: *Draft External Peer Review Report* on the U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO), Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Inspections Division

Dear IG Santos,

We appreciate the opportunity to respond to your September 3, 2026, *Draft External Peer Review Report* of the GPO OIG Inspection Division. We are pleased that the GPO OIG Inspections Division received an External Peer Review rating of *pass*.

In addition, your review confirmed that our quality control system for fiscal years 2025- 2026 is suitably designed to provide reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in accordance with applicable professional standards. We have no further comments on the *Draft External Peer Review Report*.

The GPO OIG is committed to maintaining an effective system of quality controls. Please convey my appreciation to your staff for their time, dedication, and professionalism. Should you or your staff have any questions, please contact Connie Greene, Assistant Inspector General for Inspections, at cgreene@gpo.gov.

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