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MESSAGE FROM THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

The following is our Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Annual Work Plan (AWP). As with any plan, it is subject to ongoing review to account for emerging issues, changing priorities, and shifting resources throughout the year.

To develop this AWP, we sought input from our stakeholders, including congressional staff, GPO leadership and employees.

The reader should understand that we emphasize work that is:

- **Proactive:** The AWP will allow for targeted efforts within the goals aimed at "proactive" projects to advise agency leadership on how to improve practices.
- **Strategic:** Our Work Plan focuses on "strategic" impact. We will evaluate every proposed effort across the office, including investigations, for its greatest potential advantage to GPO.
- **Team-Based**: All of our efforts will be "team-based," meaning every audit, inspection, or investigation will have a minimum of two or more assigned members. The team-based method may reduce volume but will increase merit, value, and credibility.
- **Impactful:** Return on Investment (ROI) is usually defined in terms of monetary impact and savings associated with audits, inspections, investigations, and other actions that allow the Government to recoup funds owed or to correct practices to ensure more efficient spending. While the dollar value is a traditional baseline for ROI, and we include it when available, our reports will also include additional quantitative and qualitative measures to demonstrate a positive impact on an agency – that is, to expand the definition of "value."

This AWP identifies our FY 2026 continuing engagements and planned FY 2027 projects. The AWP is implemented through audits, inspections, proactive investigations, and follow-up reviews executed in compliance with the Inspector General (IG) Act of 1978 as amended, the GPO Inspector General Act of 1988, the Legislative Branch IG Independence Act of 2019, and applicable professional standards of the U.S. Comptroller General, and the Federal OIG Quality Standards prescribed by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE).

NATHAN J. DEAHL
Inspector General


GPO
Inspector General
Conducts independent audits, evaluations, and reviews of GPO programs and operations.
Overview
Established by the Inspector General Act of 1988, the Office of the Inspector General offers an independent and objective means of keeping the Director of the GPO and Congress fully informed about problems and deficiencies relating to the agency's administration and operations. Two units are responsible for fulfilling the OIG mission: the Office of Audits and Inspections and the Office of Investigations. For more information on our structure, see our Organization Chart.
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SUMMARY OF OIG'S STRATEGIC PLAN

Our strategic plan outlines a formal approach for identifying priority issues and managing workload and resources. The successful execution of this AWP aligns with our five-year strategy and will enable the OIG to deliver the highest-quality work products to our stakeholders while also assisting GPO in meeting its strategic mission, goals, and objectives. The OIG strategic plan aligns with and supports the GPO's strategic plan.

Our strategic imperatives are:

Imperative 1

Advance Modernization and Innovation into Everything We Do.
Modernization is about improving existing capabilities. Innovation is about creating new capabilities. The OIG is committed to advancing modernization and innovation to build an agile and continuous-learning organization that can respond quickly to changing oversight needs.

Imperative 2

Develop and Retain the Workforce.
Foster and cultivate a diverse, highly skilled, flexible, and engaged workforce by investing in development, collaboration, and innovation.

Imperative 3

Foster Greater Outreach to Stakeholders.
Actively enhance and expand efforts to engage, communicate, and build meaningful relationships with all stakeholders (GPO, Congress, and the Public).

Imperative 4

Promote Organizational Independence.
We commit to upholding the highest standards of organizational independence in our oversight and investigative activities, free from undue influence or interference.

AUDIT PLAN

FY 2026 Ongoing Audits

1. **Non-Competitive Contracts**
   The Agency Acquisitions Business Unit is responsible for obtaining the best-value contract, typically achieved through competitive processes. Competition allows purchasing teams to compare the relative value of proposals against their prices. However, there are certain business situations where a non-competitive purchasing method may be more appropriate to meet the objectives of GPO. This audit will assess whether non-competitive contract awards complied with policies and regulations.

2. **Fiscal Year 2026 Financial Statements Audit**
   Our mandated work includes an audit of GPO's consolidated financial statements. We contracted with an independent public accounting firm to audit GPO's consolidated financial statements for FY 2026. The audit objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement.

FY 2027 Planned Audits

1. **Employee Travel**
   GPO approves an average of 50 domestic and foreign travel authorizations monthly. Our objective is to verify whether GPO employees conduct cost-benefit analyses before approval and ensure only authorized expenses are reimbursed and charged to official travel cards.

2. **Asset Management**
   The Agency Financial Management is responsible for the overall administration of over 7,000 accountable assets. GPO Business Units also share responsibilities by assigning a property custodian or manager in each unit to maintain records, tag accountable property, and conduct periodic inventories of assigned property. Our objective is to determine whether GPO manages and tracks its assets in accordance with Federal requirements, GPO policies, and operational standards.

3. **Fiscal Year 2027 Financial Statements Audit**
   Our mandated work includes an audit of GPO's consolidated financial statements. The audit objective is to obtain reasonable assurance that the FY 2027 consolidated financial statements, as a whole, are free from material misstatement.

INSPECTION PLAN

FY 2026 Ongoing Inspections

1. **Reasonable Accommodation**
   Federal Law requires agencies to provide reasonable accommodation to qualified employees based on disabilities identified in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the ADA Amendments Act, and applicable provisions of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's regulations. Reasonable accommodation enables a qualified individual with a disability an equal opportunity to apply for a job, perform job duties, or enjoy the benefits and privileges of employment. We initiated an inspection to determine whether the GPO Reasonable Accommodation Program is conducted in accordance with applicable laws, policies, and procedures, and whether any processing delays are adequately documented and justified.

2. **GPO's Shutdown Preparation Procedures**
   Congress must pass annual appropriations to fund the Federal Government for each fiscal year. If appropriations are not passed, non-essential parts of the government must "shut down" until appropriations are approved. A large portion of GPO operations is considered essential, requiring a significant number of "excepted" employees to work during a "shutdown" to meet Agency obligations. Based on inquiries from Congressional Staff, we initiated a quick study to review GPO procedures for planning and preparing for a government shutdown.

FY 2027 Planned Inspections

1. **Artificial Intelligence Governance and Utilization**
   GPO has made significant investments in Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology in recent years. Having laid the groundwork for expanded AI use by establishing an overall AI Policy and AI strategy in 2024, GPO initiated several AI pilot projects in FY 2025 designed to address key agency needs. In the fast-moving, constantly evolving AI environment, GPO's efforts to leverage powerful software solutions must ensure the integrity and security of our networks and databases. Our planned objective is to determine whether GPO has an effective governance structure for managing its use of AI applications.

2. **Energy Savings**
   GPO's strategic plan goals to Modernize and Innovate and to Ensure Financial Stability include boosting cost recovery, maintaining efficiency, and decreasing costs wherever possible. The GPO Master Plan includes several contracted initiatives that may be

related to energy savings. Our planned objective is to assess how GPO can implement energy-cost-saving measures and make progress towards meeting federal goals.

3. **External Peer Review**
   An external peer review is designed to ensure that our Inspections & Evaluations (I&E) organization complies with the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) *Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation*. We will conduct an external peer review of the Federal Election Commission Office of Inspector General.

INVESTIGATIVE PLAN

FY 2026 Ongoing Investigations

Proactive Investigation - Special Police Officer Contract Review

The Investigations Division will continue its proactive initiative to determine whether contracted Special Police Officers assigned to GPO possess the police training, certifications, and qualifications required under the GPO-awarded contract. Any identified deficiencies, false certifications, unsupported billings, or indications of fraud will be evaluated for appropriate investigative, contractual, administrative, civil, or criminal action.

FY 2027 Planned Investigations

Proactive Investigation – Government Vehicle Fuel Usage

The OIG will conduct a proactive, data-driven review of government vehicle fuel use to identify potentially unauthorized purchases, personal use, inaccurate mileage reporting, and weaknesses in fleet and fuel-card controls. The review will compare fuel transactions with vehicle specifications, mileage records, telematics data, employee work schedules, leave, travel, and vehicle assignment records. Anomalies will be risk-ranked for verification and possible investigation.

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