

and staffing patterns for the information activities of the Department and its agencies, both in Washington and in the field.

(iii) Exercise final review and approval of all public information material prepared by the Department and its agencies and select the most effective method and audience for distributing this information.

(iv) Serve as the central public information authority in the USDA, with the authority to determine policy for all USDA communication activities and agency information activities in order to provide leadership and centralized operational direction for USDA and agency information activities so that all material shall effectively support USDA policies and programs, including the defense program.

(v) Serve as the central printing authority in the USDA, with authority to represent the USDA with Joint Committee on Printing of the Congress, the Government Printing Office, and other Federal and State agencies on information matters.

(vi) Cooperate with and secure the cooperation of commercial, industrial and other nongovernmental agencies and concerns regarding information work as required in the execution of the Department's programs.

(vii) Plan and direct communication research and training for the Department and its agencies.

(viii) Oversee general officers and agency heads in the development and implementation of information policies issued pursuant to the provisions of the "Freedom of Information Act" (5 U.S.C. 552) and the "Privacy Act" (5 U.S.C. 552a), and provide consultation regarding those policies.

(ix) Supervise and provide leadership and final clearance for the planning, production, and distribution of visual information material for the department and its agencies in Washington, D.C., and the field, and provide such information services as may be deemed necessary.

(x) Maintain overall responsibility and control over the preparation of the "Agricultural Decisions."

(xi) Administer, direct and coordinate publications and user fee authority granted under section 1121 of the

Agriculture and Food Act of 1981, as amended by section 1769 of the Food Security Act of 1985, 7 U.S.C. 2242a; and publish any appropriate regulations necessary to the exercise of this authority.

(b) [Reserved]

Subpart E—Delegations of Authority by the Deputy Secretary

§ 2.37 Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to § 2.15, the following delegations of authority are made by the Deputy Secretary to the Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization:

(1) The Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, under the supervision of the Deputy Secretary, has specific responsibilities under the Small Business Act, 15 U.S.C. 644(k). These duties include being responsible for the following:

(i) Administering the Department's small and disadvantaged business activities related to procurement contracts, minority bank deposits, and grants and loan activities affecting small and minority business, including women-owned business, Labor Surplus Area concerns, and the small business and small minority business subcontracting programs;

(ii) Providing Departmentwide liaison and coordination of activities related to small and disadvantaged business with the Small Business Administration and others in the public and private sector;

(iii) Developing policies and procedures required by the applicable provisions of the Small Business Act, as amended to include the establishment of goals; and

(iv) Implementing and administering programs described under sections 8 and 15 of the Small Business Act, as amended (15 U.S.C. 637 and 644).

(2) In addition to the responsibilities in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, the following delegations of authority are made by the Deputy Secretary of Agriculture to the Director, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization:

(i) Pursuant to the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (Act), as

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amended (41 U.S.C. 401 *et seq.*), is designated as the Department's Advocate for Competition with responsibility for sections 20 and 21 of the Act (41 U.S.C. 418 and 418a), including:

(A) Reviewing the procurement activities of the Department;

(B) Developing new initiatives to increase full and open competition;

(C) Developing goals and plans and recommending actions to increase competition;

(D) Challenging conditions unnecessarily restricting competition in the acquisition of supplies and services;

(E) Designating an Advocate for Competition for each procuring activity within the Department; and

(F) Preparing the annual report to the Congress for transmittal by the Secretary on activities of the Advocate for Competition.

(b) [Reserved]

Subpart F—Delegations of Authority by the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services

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§ 2.40 Deputy Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services.

Pursuant to § 2.16(a), subject to reservations in § 2.16(b), and subject to policy guidance and direction by the Under Secretary, the following delegation of authority is made to the Deputy Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, to be exercised only during the absence or unavailability of the Under Secretary: Perform all the duties and exercise all the powers which are now or which may hereafter be delegated to the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services: Provided, that this authority shall be exercised by the respective Deputy Under Secretary in the order in which he or she has taken office as a Deputy Under Secretary.

§ 2.42 Administrator, Farm Service Agency.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to § 2.16(a)(1) through (a)(4) and (a)(6) through (a)(8), subject to the reservations in

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§ 2.16(b)(1), the following delegations of authority are made by the Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services to the Administrator, Farm Service Agency:

(1) Formulate policies and administer programs authorized by the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1282 *et seq.*).

(2) Formulate policies and administer programs authorized by the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1441 *et seq.*), except the provisions of section 416(a)(1), (a)(2) and (b) of the Agricultural Act of 1949, as amended, unless specifically provided herein.

(3) Coordinate and prevent duplication of aerial photographic work of the Department, including:

(i) Clearing photography projects;

(ii) Assigning symbols for new aerial photography, maintaining symbol records, and furnishing symbol books;

(iii) Recording departmental aerial photography flow and coordinating the issuance of aerial photography status maps of latest coverage;

(iv) Promoting interchange of technical information and techniques to develop lower costs and better quality;

(v) Representing the Department on committees, task forces, work groups, and other similar groups concerned with aerial photography acquisition and reproduction;

(vi) Providing a Chairperson for the Photography Sales Committee of the Department;

(vii) Coordinating development, preparation, and issuance of specifications for aerial photography for the Department;

(viii) Coordinating and performing procurement, inspection, and application of specifications for USDA aerial photography;

(ix) Providing for liaison with EROS Data Center to support USDA programs and research with satellite imagery reproductions; and

(x) Maintaining library and files of USDA aerial film and retrieving and supplying reproductions on request.

(4) Administer the Agricultural Conservation Program under title X of the Agricultural Act of 1970, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1501 *et seq.*), and under the