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after legal sufficiency reviews by the Office of the General Counsel, on discrimination complaints in conducted programs subject to the Equal Credit Opportunity Act.

(31) Require corrective action on findings of discrimination on program complaints and recommend to the Secretary that relief be granted under 7 U.S.C. 6998(d), notwithstanding the finality of National Appeals Divisions decisions.

(32) Provide civil rights and equal employment opportunity support services, except for the equal employment opportunity support services provided by the Office of Human Resources Management, with authority to take actions required by law or regulation to perform such services for:

- (i) The Secretary of Agriculture;
- (ii) The general officers of the Department;
- (iii) The offices and agencies reporting to the Assistant Secretary for Administration; and
- (iv) Any other offices or agencies of the Department as may be agreed.

(b) [Reserved]

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§2.90 Director, Office of Outreach.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to §2.24 (a)(5), the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Administration to the Director, Office of Outreach:

(1) Develop policy guidelines and implement a Departmental outreach program which delivers services to the traditionally under-served customers.

(2) Administer and provide leadership, direction, coordination, and monitoring for the Small Farmer Outreach Training and Technical Assistance program, *i.e.* Outreach and Technical Assistance Grants to Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Program, including the authority to make grants and enter into contracts and other agreements pursuant to 7. U.S.C. 2279 (a).

(3) Develop a strategic outreach plan for the Department which coordinates the goals, objectives and expectations of mission area outreach programs.

(4) Coordinate the dissemination/communication of all outreach information from the Department and its

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mission areas ensuring its transmission to as wide a public spectrum as possible.

(5) Serve as the Department's official outreach spokesperson.

(6) Provide coordination and oversight of agency outreach activities including the establishment of outreach councils.

(7) Develop a system to monitor the delivery of outreach grants and funding.

(8) Report agency outreach status, accomplishments and make recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for Administration.

(b) [Reserved]

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§2.91 Director, Office of Operations.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to §2.24 (a)(6), the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Administration to the Director, Office of Operations:

(1) Provide services for the Department in the following areas:

(i) Acquiring, leasing, utilizing, constructing, maintaining, and disposing of real and personal property, including control of space assignments, in the Washington, DC metropolitan area.

(ii) Acquiring, storing, distributing, and disposing of forms; and

(iii) Mail management and all related functions.

(2) Operating centralized Departmental services to provide printing, copy reproducing, offset composing, supplies, mail, automated mailing lists, excess property pool, resource recovery, shipping and receiving, forms, labor services, issuing of general employee identification cards, supplemental distributing of Department directives, space allocating and management, and related management support.

(3) Providing property management, space management, messenger, communications, and other related services with authority to take actions required by law or regulation to perform such services for:

- (i) The Secretary of Agriculture;
- (ii) The general officers of the Department;

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(iii) The offices and agencies reporting to the Assistant Secretary for Administration;

(iv) Any other offices or agencies of the Department as may be agreed; and

(v) Other federal, state, or local government organizations on a cost recovery basis.

(4) Represent the Department in contacts with other organizations or agencies on matters related to assigned responsibilities.

(5) Promulgate Departmental regulations, standards, techniques, and procedures and represent the Department in maintaining the security of physical facilities, self-protection, and warden services, in the Washington, DC metropolitan area.

(6) Provide internal administrative management and support services for the defense program of the Department.

(b) [Reserved]

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§ 2.92 Director, Office of Human Resources Management.

(a) *Delegations.* Pursuant to § 2.24 (a)(7), subject to reservations in § 2.24(b)(1), the following delegations of authority are made by the Assistant Secretary for Administration to the Director, Office of Human Resources Management:

(1) Formulate and issue Department policy, standards, rules and regulations relating to human resources management.

(2) Provide human resources management procedural guidance and operational instructions.

(3) Set standards for human resources data systems.

(4) Inspect and evaluate human resources management operations and issue instructions or take direct action to insure conformity with appropriate laws, Executive Orders, Office of Personnel Management rules and regulations, and other appropriate rules and regulations.

(5) Exercise final authority in all human resources matters, including individual cases, that involve the jurisdiction of more than one General Officer, or agency head.

(6) Receive, review, and recommend action on all requests for the Sec-

retary's or Assistant Secretary for Administration's approval in human resources matters.

(7) Make final decisions on adverse actions except in those cases where the Assistant Secretary for Administration or the Director, Office of Human Resources Management, has participated.

(8) Represent the Department in human resources matters in all contacts outside the Department.

(9) Exercise specific authorities in the following operational matters:

(i) Waive repayment of training expenses where an employee fails to fulfill service agreement;

(ii) Establish or change standards and plans for awards to private citizens; and

(iii) Execute, change, extend, or renew:

(A) Labor-Management Agreements; and

(B) Associations of Management Officials' or Supervisors' Agreements.

(iv) Represent any part of the Department in all contacts and proceedings with the National Offices of Labor Organizations.

(v) Change a position (with no material change in duties) from one pay system to another;

(vi) Grant restoration rights, and release employees with administrative reemployment rights;

(vii) Authorize any mass dismissals of employees in the Washington, DC metropolitan area;

(viii) Approve "normal line of promotion" cases in the excepted service where not in accordance with time-in grade criteria;

(ix) Make the final decision on all classification appeals filed with the Department of Agriculture;

(x) Authorize all employment actions (except nondisciplinary separations and LWOP) and classification actions for senior level and equivalent positions including Senior Executive Service positions and special authority professional and scientific positions responsible for carrying out research and development functions;

(xi) Authorize all employment actions (except LWOP) for the following positions:

(A) Schedule C;