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## GPO NAMES NEW INSPECTOR GENERAL

WASHINGTON—Public Printer Bill Boarman appoints Michael A. Raponi the Inspector General for the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO). Raponi will oversee the agency's Office of Inspector General (OIG), which provides an independent and objective means of keeping the Public Printer and Congress informed about problems and deficiencies relating to the administration and operations of GPO.

Raponi brings two decades of audit and investigative experience to GPO. During the last four years, he has served as the Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audit at the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL). While in this position, Raponi was responsible for overseeing the audit program for DOL including regional and national audit offices. He redefined the agency's audit process while working with a reduced staff due to budget reductions. Prior to his accomplishments at DOL, Raponi held various leadership positions in audit divisions in offices of the Inspector General at the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and U.S. Department of Agriculture. Raponi served in the U.S. Army as a Patriot Missile Mechanic. He holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Webster University in St. Louis, MO, and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Northern Colorado. Raponi takes over as GPO's Inspector General from Interim Inspector General Rodolfo "Rudy" Ramirez, Jr., who served in that capacity since May while the search for a permanent Inspector General was conducted.

"Based on his extensive experience in working for other Inspectors General in the Federal Government, Michael Raponi brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to this important position at GPO," said Public Printer Bill Boarman. "I want to thank Rudy Ramirez for his valuable service to our agency, and I look forward to working with Michael Raponi in assuring the efficient and effective performance of GPO's mission on behalf of Congress, Federal agencies, and the public we serve."

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