

employment opportunity, personnel management, position management, performance management, disciplinary actions, staff training and development, personnel security and human resource policy. OEO provides and manages information technology for OIG. This includes the planning, design, development, testing, implementation and maintenance of hardware, software and telecommunications networks to support OIG's mission. OEO is responsible for the security of sensitive electronic data relating to investigations, audits and legal proceedings. OEO develops and administers systems security plans for OIG.

Section S8L.10 *The Office of Executive Operations—(Organization):*

Delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

The Office of Executive Operations (S8L) under the leadership of the Assistant Inspector General for Executive Operations includes the:

- A. Assistant Inspector General for Executive Operations (S8L)
- B. Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Executive Operations (S8L)
- C. Immediate Office of the Assistant Inspector General for Executive Operations (S8L).
- D. Budget and Logistics Division (S8L-1)
- E. Human Resources Division (S8LA).
- F. Information Technology Division (S8LC).
- G. External Affairs Division (S8LE).

Section S8L.20 *The Office of Executive Operations—(Functions):*

Delete paragraph A in its entirety and replace with the following:

A. The Assistant Inspector General for Executive Operations (AIGEO) (S8L) is directly responsible to the Inspector General for carrying out the OEO mission and providing general supervision to the major components of OEO.

Delete paragraph B in its entirety and replace with the following:

B. The Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Executive Operations (DAIGEO)(S8L) is responsible for assisting the AIGEO in carrying out his/her responsibilities.

Delete paragraph C in its entirety and replace with the following:

C. The Immediate Office of the Assistant Inspector General for Executive Operations (S8L) provides the AIGEO with staff assistance on the full range of his/her responsibilities.

Delete paragraph D in its entirety and replace with the following:

D. The Budget and Logistics Division (BFD)(S8L-1) is responsible for formulating, presenting and executing

the OIG budget; performing a wide range of analytical, technical, and advisory functions related to the budgetary process; and analyzing financial and economic issues and activities facing the organization including a review and analysis of proposed and/or enacted legislation and regulations. The Division is also responsible for coordinating and integrating a national facilities management program including property and asset management. The Budget and Logistics Division coordinates the development of OIG's Strategic Plan and prepares the annual organizational performance plan. This division prepares and maintains OIG administrative policies and procedures.

Delete paragraph E in its entirety and replace with the following:

E. The Human Resources Division (HRD)(S8LA) is responsible for the development, presentation, and implementation of OIG nationwide personnel management policy; and a national personnel management and training program.

Delete paragraph F in its entirety and replace with the following:

F. The Information Technology Division (SSD)(S8LC) is responsible for the planning design, development testing and implementation of hardware, software and telecommunications systems for OIG nationwide. These responsibilities include developing and enforcing network policies; designing system interfaces; monitoring and evaluating hardware and telecommunications lines; developing, monitoring and evaluating software applications and associated interfaces with network devices. The division is also responsible for the security of sensitive data relating to investigations, audits, and legal proceedings which is kept on OIG computer systems as well as the administration of systems security plans for the OIG.

Add paragraph G as follows:

G. The External Affairs Division (EAD) (S8LE) is responsible for directing the OIG external and public affairs program. EAD coordinates interagency activities and responds to media, congressional and constituent inquiries. EAD prepares press releases, coordinates press conferences, and develops congressional testimony. EAD prepares speeches and publications, and communicates OIG's planned and current activities and their results to the Commissioner and the Congress as well as other entities.

Subchapter added **Federal Register—** December 15, 1999.

¹ **Federal Register**—July 11, 1996.

² **Federal Register**—August 1, 1997.

³ **Federal Register**—May 22, 1998.

⁴ **Federal Register**—September 22, 1998.

⁵ **Federal Register**—December 15, 1999.

⁶ **Federal Register**—December 21, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Environmental Impact Statement; Harris and Brazoria Counties, TX

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), TxDOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that an environmental impact statement will be prepared for a proposed highway project to improve State Highway 35 in Harris and Brazoria Counties, Texas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John Mack, P.E., Federal Highway Administration, Texas Division, 300 East 8th Street, Room 826, Austin, Texas 78701, Telephone (512) 536-5960.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on a proposal for transportation improvements within the State Highway 35 corridor from Bellfort Road in Harris County to Farm-to-Market Road 1462 in Brazoria County. The EIS will be conducted concurrently with a Major Corridor Feasibility Study (MCFS) that will examine and evaluate all reasonable and feasible modal alternatives for transportation improvements within the State Highway 35 corridor from Interstate Highway 45 to State Highway 288 in Angleton. The proposed action could include a combination of highway, toll, and transit components for the facility of approximately 22 miles in length, built on a new location within the above limits. The majority of the corridor crosses heavily urbanized regions of Harris and Brazoria Counties. Cities and towns in the region include the cities of Houston, Brookside Village, Pearland, and Alvin.

Alternatives to be studied include "No-action" (the no-build alternative), Transportation System Management (TSM)/Transportation Demand Management (TDM) alternative, mass transit alternative and roadway build alternatives. The EIS will evaluate