

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, DC 20250**

**SECRETARY'S MEMORANDUM 1076-034
September 30, 2019**

Realignment of the Office of the Chief Information Officer

1. PURPOSE

This Memorandum realigns the Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) to report directly to the Office of the Secretary.

2. AUTHORITY

This Memorandum uses the authority of the Secretary to reorganize the Department under Section 4(a) of *Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1953* (5 U.S.C. App.; 7 U.S.C. 2201 note).

3. ACTIONS ORDERED

- a. This Memorandum establishes the Chief Information Officer (CIO) as a General Officer of the Department of Agriculture. The CIO will serve as the Director of the OCIO.
- b. The delegations of authority at 7 CFR § 2.24(a)(2), *Related to information technology and information resources*, previously delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Administration (ASA) are now delegated to the CIO, except for the delegation of authority at 7 C.F.R. § 2.24(a)(2)(xiv), *Related to the Freedom of Information Act*.
- c. In accordance with SM 1076-033, the delegation of authority at 7 CFR § 2.24(a)(2)(xiv) will be transferred from the ASA to the General Counsel, effective October 1, 2019.
- d. The delegations of authority at 7 CFR § 2.89(a) are revised to remove the reference to the supervision of the Assistant Secretary for Administration and the due deference to Departmental Administration officials.

4. INCIDENTAL TRANSFERS

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, the Chief Financial Officer, and the Office of Budget and Program Analysis are authorized to approve such transfers of funds, personnel, employment authority, space, records, property, and incidentals as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Memorandum.

5. EXISTING DIRECTIVES

Prior delegations of authority, administrative regulations, and other directives not inconsistent with the provisions of this Memorandum will remain in full force and effect.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERMINATION

This Memorandum is effective September 30, 2019, and will remain in effect for 1 year from the effective date, or until the Department's published delegations of authority are revised to incorporate the provisions of this Memorandum.

/s/ SONNY PERDUE
SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE