

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

SECRETARY'S MEMORANDUM 1076-037

December 17, 2020

Realignment of Receipt for Service Oversight

1. PURPOSE

This Memorandum realigns the Receipt for Service Oversight function from the Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement (OPPE) to a new committee chaired by the Deputy Secretary.

2. ACTIONS ORDERED

- a. This Memorandum establishes the USDA Receipt for Service Oversight Committee (Oversight Committee).
- b. The authority, previously delegated to the Director, Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement (OPPE), in 7 CFR § 2.38(a)(1)(x), relating to Receipt for Service, is revoked; the Director, OPPE's authority relating to 7 U.S.C. 2279-1 will now be as follows: "Administer section 2501A of the *Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990* (7 U.S.C. 2279-1), except for the authority to coordinate Departmental policy for the issuance of receipts under subsection (e) of that section."
- c. The revocation of the Receipt for Service authority delegated to the Director, OPPE, will also apply to the Receipt for Service delegation of authority from the Director, OPPE to the Director, Office of Advocacy and Outreach in 7 CFR § 2.700.
- d. The authority previously delegated to the Director, OPPE, relating to Receipt for Service and revoked in Section 2b, above, is redelegated to the Deputy Secretary.
- e. The Deputy Secretary will exercise the delegated authority relating to Receipt for Service as Chair of the Oversight Committee.
- f. The delegations of authority relating to Receipt for Service currently assigned to the following officials are now modified to reflect the Deputy Secretary as the Departmental official the Mission Area and agency officials will coordinate with in issuing receipts under 7 U.S.C. 2279-1:

(1) Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation in 7 CFR § 2.16;

- (2) Administrator, Farm Service Agency in 7 CFR § 2.42;
- (3) Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service in 7 CFR § 2.43;
- (4) Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development in 7 CFR § 2.17;
- (5) Administrator, Rural Utilities Service in 7 CFR § 2.47;
- (6) Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service in 7 CFR § 2.48; and
- (7) Administrator, Rural Housing Service in 7 CFR § 2.49.

3. EXISTING DELEGATIONS

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

4. EXPIRATION

This Memorandum is effective immediately, and will remain in effect for 1 year from the effective date or until such earlier time as the Department's published delegations have been revised to incorporate the provisions of this Memorandum.

/s/ SONNY PERDUE
SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE