

**CHAPTER 12 OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL
AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS (OCIA)**

**PART 1 DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR TO THE
ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR FOR CONGRESSIONAL AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**

The authority of the Inspector General to review existing and proposed legislation and regulations relating to GSA's programs and operations is derived from Section 4(a) of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended. Similarly the authority of the Inspector General to communicate directly with Congress is derived from Section 2 of the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended. As such, the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, provides the Inspector General with independent authority on legislative and congressional matters. Nothing in this Chapter is intended to be in derogation of the authority given the Inspector General under the Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended. Therefore, the following delegations do not limit the independent authority of the Inspector General as granted by the Inspector General's Act.

Delegated Authority		Limitations
1. Specific authorities		
a.	Serves as the Agency's representative for legislative and congressional matters of GSA.	
b.	Develops and issues policies on the Agency's contacts with and submissions to Congress, in accordance with OMB Circular A-19.	
c.	Coordinates GSA's review, and agency comments on Legislative Referral Memoranda and other materials received from or submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for clearance.	
d.	Serves, along with the affected Regional Administrator, as the Agency's representative on intergovernmental (Federal, State and municipal governments) matters.	
e.	Enters into cooperative agreements and memoranda of understanding on behalf of GSA with Congress and Federal agencies for those activities in which the Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs is responsible, on a reimbursable basis. This primarily includes the United States Senate and House of Representatives. (40 USC 113(d), 40 U.S.C. §§ 501, 502; 31 U.S.C. §1535, 40 U.S.C. 3176; and any other specific legal authority related to the action)	

Delegated Authority		Limitations
2. Human Capital Authorities		
	(See Part 1, Chapter 2, of this Manual)	
3. Common Authorities		
	(See Part 2, Chapter 2, of this Manual)	
4. Financial Management Authorities		
	(See CFO P 5450.1)	

**PART 2 DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FROM THE ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR
FOR CONGRESSIONAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
TO OCIA OFFICIALS**

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