

H. Program Category VIII—Logistical Postal Support

1. What is the nature of and authority for this program?

This program describes the capital investment and expenditures required by the Post Office Department. This is accomplished by means of four separate but interrelated appropriations. The supplies and services and building occupancy appropriations provide for the day-by-day expenses needed to keep the postal service functioning. The plant and equipment and postal public buildings appropriations provide for the investment and are the essence of the Postmaster General's modernization program. With these four appropriations, the necessary land, buildings, supplies, vehicles, and equipment is procured.

In addition to these funds, the necessary resources from the operations appropriation for maintenance and vehicle service expense is included. Funding is allocated by essential purpose, that is, capital investment or expense; while a third subcategory includes depreciation and related items. The investment allocation includes funds for facilities, mail processing equipment, vehicles, customer service equipment, information processing and accounting equipment, administrative, maintenance and general support equipment, and the capitalized activities and output of the mail equipment shops. Within the expense allocation are funds for building occupancy, supplies and services, maintenance and vehicle service.

2. Who is the person primarily in charge of this program at the operative level (name and title)?

John L. O'Marra, Assistant Postmaster General, Bureau of Facilities.

3. How much money and capital equipment is available under this program for fiscal 1968?

In fiscal year 1968 this program represents a total of \$814,071,000, of which \$538,005,000 is met by the four Bureau of Facilities appropriations and the remainder, \$276,066,000, is made up from the "Operations" appropriation.

4. Would you describe the output generated by this program?

The output generated by this program is best viewed by the services provided. Within the capital investment subcategory, funds are used for: site, design, and construction of Federal postal facilities required for Post Office purposes; extension and modernization, air conditioning and other alterations to federally owned buildings, and leasehold improvements and minor alterations for leased facilities; fixed mechanized systems, nonfixed mechanized and other mail handling equipment; vehicles for carrier motorization, bulk transfer of the mail and for other uses; lobby, window and self-service equipment to serve the postal patron; information processing and accounting equipment for the Department's data processing and office activities; nonexpendable administrative, maintenance and general postal support equipment; and the capitalized industrial operation of the mail equipment shops. Within the expense subcategory, funds are used for: rental of postal space, heat, utilities, communications and moving expenses; supplies and contractual technical services; general housekeeping of buildings and grounds under the control of and operated by the Post Office Department, such as cleaning, guard service and general building maintenance; maintenance of Government-owned vehicle fleet by Post Office personnel and vehicles under contract, and the procurement of vehicle operating and maintenance supplies and materials. The third subcategory, depreciation, includes those activities that place logistical postal support on an accrued cost basis; included are such items as depreciation of post office buildings and equipment, of GSA buildings occupied by postal installations, building services provided by GSA and expendable equipment written off. With the use of this third subcategory, current and prior capital investments are converted into operating expense compatible with labor, material, and services.

5. Can you quantify this output in any way?

The output of this program can be quantified. For example: number of projects for new facilities or modernization and improvements; number of vehicles; number of mechanized systems and items of mail-processing equipment; number of self-service equipment; amount of data processing equipment; number of mail sacks, locks, keys, hardware manufactured by the mail equipment shops; square feet of leased postal space provided; number of square feet maintained and number of vehicles serviced.

6. Would you describe the principal operations that are involved in producing this output?

The following principal operations are involved in this output: the Bureau of Facilities; Space and Mechanization Division, Bureau of Operations; Construc-