

87 man-years at the GS-14 and 15 level, 1,027 at the GS-1 to 13 level, and 362 wage board.

9. What capital equipment, such as ADP, if any, do you rely upon to fulfill this program?

Other than office equipment, the program requires the use of ADP equipment operated by the agency in addition to program operating equipment, that is, forklifts, cranes, tractors, scales at stockpile and civil defense depots, special testing and calibrating equipment used in machine tool depots and civil defense depots, and highly specialized machinery used in the production of jewel bearings.

10. Do you expect the expenditures or the benefits of the program to grow appreciably in the future?

Our overall future planning for expenditures and benefits is projected to remain at approximately the same level as 1968, except in the personal property (non-stockpile) area. A steady increase in the volume of excess and surplus personal property is expected for several years.

11. At what level are the personnel responsible for the various parts of the program coordinated to determine if the program as a whole is being efficiently carried out?

The Commissioner, with special staff assistants coordinate the program elements through the chain of authority including the Deputy Commissioner, Assistant Commissioners, and regional directors.

12. Is there a continual program review within the agency other than the annual budgetary review, to determine more effective and efficient ways to achieve these program objectives?

At the agency level, the Administrator of GSA with the assistance of his staff organization provides a continuous program review and evaluation. Program review is a continuing process with review, analysis, and progress reporting accomplished not less than once each quarter.

13. To your knowledge, does this program duplicate or parallel work being done by any other agency?

No duplication of work is involved. However, certain other agencies have limited disposal authority.

14. Is your organization structure such that the program is being carried out most efficiently and effectively?

The organization is structured along program lines to provide the highest degree of flexibility. All organizational segments are under constant surveillance so that changes in organization are initiated as dictated by program activity.

15. Are there any outstanding GAO reports on this program? If so, what is the status of the GAO recommendations the report contains?

No.

16. What significant problems, if any, are you facing in accomplishing the program objectives?

Problems in this respect are broad in scope. In the sale of stockpile materials and real property, market irregularities, supply and demand factors, and the reconciliation of conflicting interests within and outside the Government are significant problems.

17. Do you administer any grants, loans, or other disbursed funds related to this program? If so, is the size of your administrative staff commensurate with the magnitude of the outlays?

Lead and zinc stabilization payments (estimated at \$340,000 this year) are administered under this program. Payments of \$140,000 in lieu of taxes on the National Lead Co. property at Tahawus, N.Y., are provided under the program by an act of Congress. Under the Defense Production Act the program administers the copper production expansion program which involves advances of funds amounting to \$83 million and a Government guaranteed loan of \$48.75 million.

There is a staff consisting of two administrative people who administer the lead and zinc stabilization program. The remaining activities are accomplished in various parts of the Property Management and Disposal Service, and the agency, with no special staff being appropriate or required.

18. If your appropriation were reduced, how would you absorb the cut—by an overall reduction, or by cutting or curtailing certain activities?

A reduction in appropriations would require a complete reexamination, on a priority basis, of the work program to be accomplished in order to determine the program impact.

19. If additional funds were available, what would you do with the new money?

The nature of the program is primarily a property management function where funds are requested only to the extent that they can be put to good use with