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ENTREPRENEUR AND AIR FORCE ACADEMY GRADUATE SELECTED TO BE CHIEF OF STAFF FOR GPO'S OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Steven Higgins to Help Lead the IG's Reorganization at GPO

Washington, DC— Running a successful business, a military background and his energy are just three examples of why Steven A. Higgins is now the United States Government Printing Office's Assistant Inspector General for Administration and Inspections.

In the new position, Higgins will oversee all inspections, evaluations and administration services for the IG's Office.

"Steven Higgins' background includes both private and public sector experience. His business sense, paired with his years in the Air Force, make him the ideal person to help take the IG's office at GPO to the next level," said Inspector General Marc A. Nichols. The selection was effective August 25.

Most recently, Higgins ran his own business in Denver, Colorado. Prior to that, he was Senior Vice President of Marketing and Business Development for SAIC/Telcordia Technologies, Inc.

His military experience includes being a Financial Analyst for Lockheed Martin's Missile Systems Division and a Program Manager for the United States Air Force Airborne Surveillance System. Higgins graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy.

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