

Final Inspection Report 06-04, March 31, 2006, "Inspection of GPO's Continuity of Operations Plan"

In response to a recommendation from the Inspections and Evaluations Roundtable of the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency and Executive Council on Integrity and Efficiency, the GPO Office of the Inspector General (OIG) performed an inspection of GPO's plans for continuing operations of its essential functions in the event of a major disaster or emergency. The roundtable recommended that OIGs review their respective agency's disaster and emergency preparedness (DEP) and continuity of operations (COOP) plans.

The objective of the inspection was to evaluate GPO's existing processes, procedures, and authorities against Federal Government best practices for maintaining essential functions in the event of a natural disaster or other significant event. Specifically, we evaluated GPO's COOP plan against the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Federal Preparedness Circular (FPC) 65, "Federal Executive Branch Continuity of Operations." FPC 65 serves as the model for best practices within the Federal Government.

The OIG issued a sensitive report which made recommendations to improve GPO's plans and procedures to reasonably ensure a viable COOP capability in the event of a disaster or other significant event. GPO management concurred with each of the report's recommendations. The actions planned by management generally provide the initial framework to establish and maintain a viable COOP plan in the event of a major disaster or emergency.