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OFFICE OF
**INSPECTOR
GENERAL**
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

**Officers' Travel and Representation
Expenses for Fiscal Year 2012**

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HIGHLIGHTS

BACKGROUND:

The Postal Reorganization Act of 1970, as amended, requires annual audits of the U.S. Postal Service's financial statements. As part of these audits, the Board of Governors (Board) adopted policies and procedures that require an annual audit of officers' travel and representation expenses.

Postal Service officers shape the strategic direction of the Postal Service by setting goals, targets, and indicators within the framework established by the Board. Their positions are classified as Postal Career Executive Service II and include the postmaster general, deputy postmaster general, and all vice presidents. The Board has authorized 50 Postal Service officer positions. Our objective was to determine whether travel and representation expenses claimed by Postal Service officers were properly supported and complied with Postal Service policies and procedures.

WHAT THE OIG FOUND:

Officers' travel and representation expenses totaling about \$806,000 were properly supported and complied with Postal Service policies and procedures.

WHAT THE OIG RECOMMENDED:

Based on the audit results, we are not making any recommendations.