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UNITED STATES POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE

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SUBJECT: Audit Resolution: *U.S. Postal Inspection Service Strategy and Resources (24-164-R25)*  
Recommendation 1

Representatives of the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) management met on January 13, 2026, to discuss management's disagreement with Recommendation 1, as stated in the Management Response Letter published in the subject audit report on August 22, 2025.

As a result of the meeting, an agreement was reached pertaining to Recommendation 1, which reads as follows in the published audit report:

**Recommendation #1**

We recommend the Chief Postal Inspector discontinue supporting events that do not directly support the Postal Inspection Service's mission, reassess the allocation of personnel, and provide oversight of divisions' use of resources.

The status of this recommendation will be changed to "Agreed" in both the OIG's and management's tracking systems upon receipt of the OIG's audit resolution response letter.

To close this recommendation, management agrees to take the following actions:

Management Plan: Management will continue to conduct mail screening of high-profile, high-risk events to adhere to our mission of protecting our employees, customers, and U.S. Mail. However, management has tightened the standards and controls, when vetting mail-screening events, through the updating of internal guidance to reflect the more strict and robust criteria. Additionally, the process will be formally maintained and will be recurring.

Target Implementation Date: 06/30/2026

Responsible Official: Chief Postal Inspector

Having implemented the recommendation as agreed to during the Audit Resolution meeting held January 13, 2026, the Postal Inspection Service, therefore, requests closure of Recommendation 1 upon issuance of the OIG's audit resolution letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary R. Barksdale".

Gary R. Barksdale  
Chief Postal Inspector

cc: Corporate Audit & Response Management