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EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL TRANSMITTED:

This Departmental Manual Release updates the policy in 602 DM 1 – Appraisal and Valuation Services for Real Property. Revisions to the chapter are the result of consolidating the Office of Appraisal Services and the Office of Valuation Services (OVS) into the Appraisal and Valuation Services Office (AVSO). Significant changes to the chapter are listed below:

-Added mineral evaluations and valuation policy development for the Department as responsibilities of AVSO.

-Added oversight of valuations for financial assistance programs as a result of the new FAIR regulation.

-Added oversight of valuations for Indian trust and restricted fee properties as a result of the consolidation of the Office of Appraisal Services and the OVS, and included additional applicable legal authorities for assignments conducted in Indian country.

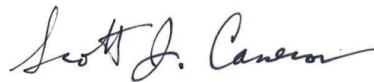
-Established the position of Associate Deputy Director with responsibility for client Bureau outreach, liaison, and oversight and management of self-governance/self-determination relationships with Tribes and individual Indians.

-Replaces the Client Service Manager positions with Deputy Directors in the Federal Lands Buy Back Program and Indian Trust Property Divisions of AVSO appraisal operations.

-Updated criteria for the Director of AVSO to be consistent with requirements for all GS-13 and above appraisal staff within AVSO.

-Expanded the description for qualifications for appraisers conducting appraisals in support of the Department's financial assistance programs where land acquisition supported by appraisals are a component of the grant program.

-Expanded policy related to reconsiderations of value, statements of work for valuation assignments, unsolicited appraisal reports (not requested by a Bureau, but provided to them without previous coordination), and requirements for non-Federal parties funding appraisals in coordination with AVSO client Bureaus and AVSO.



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