- D. The Immediate Office of the Chief Actuary (TAC).
- E. The Office of Short-Range Actuarial Estimates (TACA).
- F. The Office of Long-Range Actuarial Estimates (TACB).

Section TAC.20 The Office of the Actuary—(Functions):

A. The Chief Actuary (TAC) is directly responsible to the Deputy Commissioner, Programs, Policy, **Evaluation and Communications for** carrying out OACT's mission and provides supervision to the major components of OACT

B. The Deputy Chief Actuary (Short-Range) (TAC) assists the Chief Actuary in carrying out his/her OACT-wide responsibilities and performs other duties as prescribed.

C. The Deputy Chief Actuary (Long-Range) (TAC) assists the Chief Actuary in carrying out his/her OACT-wide responsibilities and performs other duties as prescribed.

D. The Immediate Office of the Chief Actuary (TAC) provides the Chief Actuary and his/her Deputies with staff assistance on the full range of their responsibilities, and conducts special actuarial studies and analyses.

E. The Office of Short-Range Actuarial Estimates (TACA) is responsible for planning, directing and coordinating the development of short-range cost estimates for all Social Security programs both under current provisions and proposed changes in law or regulation. Develops special cost analyses involving technical actuarial issues; projects operations of the Trust Funds; provides a variety of data services including data collection, statistical support; and prepares estimates for general fund and interprogram reimbursement.

F. The Office of Long-Range Actuarial Estimates (TACB) is responsible for planning, directing and coordinating the development of long-range cost estimates for all the Social Security programs both under current provisions and proposed changes in law or regulation. Designs the economic, demographic and programmatic assumptions and the methods needed to develop these estimates; analyzes and publishes actuarial research based on projections and actual program experience; and provides authoritative advice to agency policymakers and congressional staffs relating to the longrange actuarial impact of current law and proposed program changes.

## Subchapter TAE—Office of Disability

TAE.00 Mission TAE.10 Organization TAE.20 **Functions** 

Section TAE.00 The Office of Disability—(Mission): The Office of Disability (OD) plans, develops, evaluates and issues the operational and administrative appeals process policies, standards and instructions for the SSA administered disability programs. Develops and promulgates policies and guidelines for use by State, Federal or private contractor providers which implement the disability provisions of the Social Security Act as amended. Provides operational policy advice, technical support and management direction to central office, regional office and field components in the administration of the disability programs. Evaluates the effects of proposed legislation and legislation pending before Congress to determine the impact on the disability programs. Plans and directs a continuing program performance evaluation, and an economic and social survey program to evaluate the current impact and future needs of the disability programs. Ensures that interrelated policy areas are coordinated. Processes State agency workloads on a temporary or transitional basis.

The Office of Section TAE.10 Disability—(Organization): The Office of Disability under the leadership of the Associate Commissioner for Disability, includes:

A. The Associate Commissioner for Disability (TAE).

B. The Deputy Associate Commissioner(s) for Disability (TAE).

C. The Immediate Office of the Associate Commissioner for Disability (TAE).

D. The Office of Medical Evaluation (TAEA).

E. The Federal Disability Determination Services (TAEB).

F. The Division of Medical and Vocational Policy (TAEC)

G. The Division of Field Disability Operations (TAEE).

H. The Division of Disability Process Policy (TAEG).

I. The Division of Disability Program Information and Studies (TAEH).

J. The Division of Employment and Rehabilitation Programs (TAEJ). Section TAE.20 The Office of

Disability—(Functions):

A. The Associate Commissioner for Disability (TAE) is directly responsible to the Deputy Commissioner, Programs, Policy, Evaluation and Communications for carrying out OD's mission and provides general supervision to the major components of OD.

B. The Deputy Associate Commissioner(s) for Disability (TAE) assists the Associate Commissioner in carrying out his/her responsibilities and performs other duties as the Associate Commissioner may prescribe.

C. The Immediate Office of the Associate Commissioner for Disability (TAE) provides the Associate Commissioner and the Deputy Associate Commissioner with staff assistance on the full range of their responsibilities and coordinates the administrative and program activities of OD components.

D. The Office of Medical Evaluation

(TAEA):

- 1. Provides advice and consultation to the Associate Commissioner of OD, the Commissioner and other officials of SSA on all medical aspects in the planning, direction and coordination of the Title II disability insurance (DI) program and the Title XVI supplemental security income (SSI) program for the blind and disabled.
- 2. Develops broad medical concepts and policies for the administration of the Title II and Title XVI programs, and provides consultation for research studies to develop improved medical techniques for evaluating impairment severity and disability.

Provides leadership and professional direction to the Regional Medical Officers and consultants, and to State Disability Determination Services (DDS) medical personnel engaged in Title II and Title XVI related activities.

- 4. Provides medical consultation required in the formulation of medical evaluation and development policies and guides, and develops orientation and training programs for medical personnel in OD, regional offices and
- 5. Carries out professional relations efforts in support of SSA's efforts to gain support from professional medical
- E. The Federal Disability Determination Services (TAEB):
- 1. Develops and adjudicates disability determinations either temporarily as help for one or more Disability Determination Services (DDS) or as a transition until a permanent alternative case processing operation is fully operational in the event that SSA must assume the disability determination function for a State because of noncompliance with regulations and guidelines, or voluntary withdrawal.
- 2. Pilot tests new work processes, procedures and systems prior to nationwide implementation; validates and conducts useability tests on new and/or revised systems processes; evaluates new or revised disability adjudication policies for national consistency and practical application; and conducts special studies and policy reviews required for management purposes.