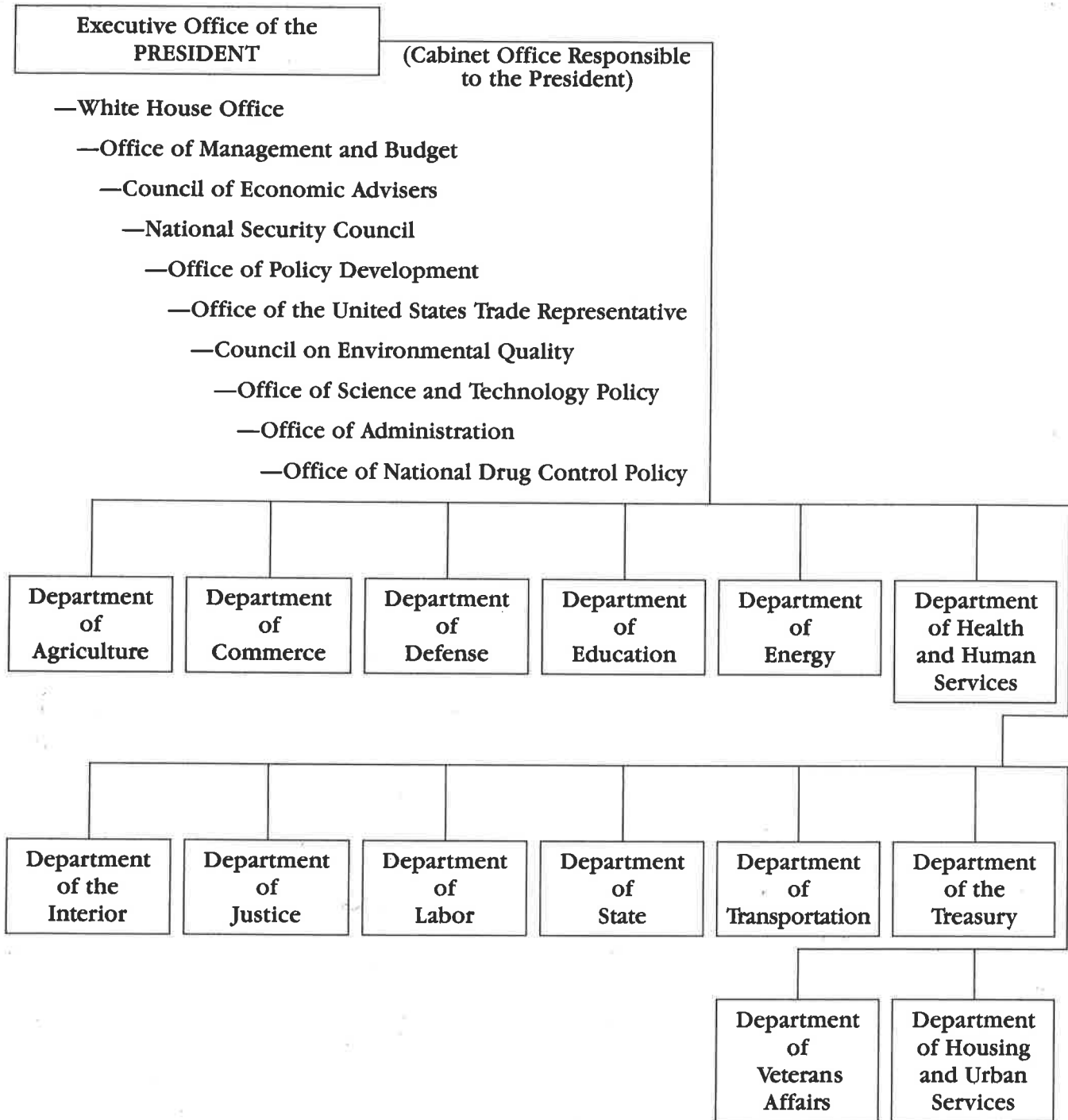


★ THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH ★



★ FUNCTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE ★ DEPARTMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Established - February 8, 1889

- Provides information and assistance to farmers.
- Promotes conservation and administers the Forest Service.

- Operates federal food stamp and school lunch programs.
- Tests and enforces food quality and safety.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Established - March 4, 1913

- Conducts the census, as required by the Constitution.
- Administers the U.S. Weather Service.

- Runs the U.S. Patent Office.
- Regulates foreign and domestic commerce.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Established - September 18, 1947

- Coordinates and manages the armed forces.

- Conducts research and engineering of military products.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Established - September 27, 1979

- Coordinates federal aid to state and local schools.

- Promotes research to improve the quality of schools.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Established - August 4, 1977

- Administers hydroelectric and nuclear projects.
- Provides education for conserving energy.

- Promotes research on the production of energy.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Established - September 27, 1979

- Runs the social security program.
- Coordinates various health services.

- Promotes research into causes and treatments of diseases.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Established - September 9, 1965

- Conducts and coordinates city planning.
- Promotes fair housing.

- Regulates and oversees various federal housing projects.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Established - March 3, 1849

- Conducts mapping projects through the Geological Survey.
- Runs the national parks system.

- Provides services to Native Americans through the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Established - June 22, 1870

- Enforces the federal system of laws.
- Supervises the FBI and federal prison system.

- Represents the United States in legal matters.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Established - March 4, 1913

- Enforces laws related to working conditions.

- Supervises various federal unemployment programs.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Established - September 15, 1789

- Conducts foreign affairs on behalf of the United States.
- Administers various foreign aid programs.

- Operates embassies and consulates in foreign nations.
- Issues passports.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Established - October 15, 1966

- Oversees federal funds for building and improving roads, airports, and waterways.

- Administers air safety through the Federal Aviation Agency.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Established - September 2, 1789

- Collects federal taxes through the Internal Revenue Service.

- Coins and prints all monies.
- Enforces customs laws.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Established - March 15, 1989

- Provides medical benefits to veterans.

- Provides burial benefits for veterans.