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Ms. Coffey assumed the role of Deputy Inspector General in June 2019. In this role Ms. Coffey is responsible for the day-to-day supervision of operational activities within the Offices of Audit, Investigations, Analytics and Innovation, and Management. Ms. Coffey most recently served as the Assistant Inspector General for Investigations where she was responsible for the investigative activities of approximately 140 agents and staff nationwide.

Ms. Coffey began her career with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Office of Inspector General (OIG) in 1992 as an employee relations specialist. Ms. Coffey was responsible for providing guidance to OIG managers to address employee performance issues, misconduct, and grievances. Additionally, she served as one of OIG's representatives in administrative hearings before the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board.

In 1998, Ms. Coffey became a criminal investigator with OIG and worked as a special agent in East Lansing, Michigan, and New York, New York. While in East Lansing, Ms. Coffey's investigations focused on allegations of fraud involving Farm Service Agency, Rural Housing Service, and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs (SNAP). While serving as a special agent in New York, Ms. Coffey's investigative work focused on food safety, SNAP, the Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, and the Agricultural Research Service.

In 2002, Ms. Coffey accepted a special agent position with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Ms. Coffey was responsible for drafting and providing comment on TSA policies which impacted law enforcement officers, and assisting in the revision of the Law Enforcement Officers Flying Armed Training Program. Ms. Coffey served as one of the liaisons to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Special Events Management Unit, which coordinated operational activities with TSA when significant events of local and national interest were scheduled to occur.

Ms. Coffey returned to USDA OIG's Office of Investigations as a desk officer in the Program Investigations Division in 2005. As a desk officer, Ms. Coffey served as Investigations' liaison to USDA's marketing and regulatory program agencies and provided guidance on program implementation in those agencies to OIG field agents to support ongoing investigations. Ms. Coffey was selected as the Special Agent-in-Charge (SAC) for OIG's Special Operations Division in 2006. She was responsible for supervision of the USDA Secretarial Protection Detail, the Wildland Fire Investigations Team, and the Emergency Response Team, which provided specialized forensic evidence recovery. In 2008, Ms. Coffey became the SAC for the Investigations Liaison and Hotline Division (ILHD). As SAC for ILHD, Ms. Coffey was responsible for the OIG Hotline and oversaw the initial assessment, assignment and tracking of several thousand incoming complaints annually. In February 2014, Ms. Coffey was selected as the Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Investigations.

Ms. Coffey received a B.A. in Political Science in 1992 from Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia.