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* The Authority is reorganizing the divisions and organizational structure. Two new divisions have been created: Division of Administration & External Affairs and Division of Innovation and Technology. The Office of Equal Employment Opportunity and ADA (EEO) was moved from the Legal Affairs Division to Administration & External Affairs. The Marketing and Communications, External Affairs, and Government Relations sections will be moving from the Executive Division to the Administration and External Affairs Division. The Information Technology department will move out of the Executive Division into the Innovation and Technology Division. These changes will take place in 2021.

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