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# 19th Annual Awards Ceremony

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Ronald Reagan Building Amphitheater  
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20004

# **CIGIE AWARDS – 2016**

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ELIZABETH DEAN  
CIGIE Awards Program Co-Chair  
Inspector General, Farm Credit Administration

#### **Keynote Address**

THE HONORABLE TOM A. COBURN, M.D.  
Former U.S. Senator, Oklahoma

### **Special Category Awards Presentation**

ANDREW MAYOCK  
Acting CIGIE Executive Chair  
Acting Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget

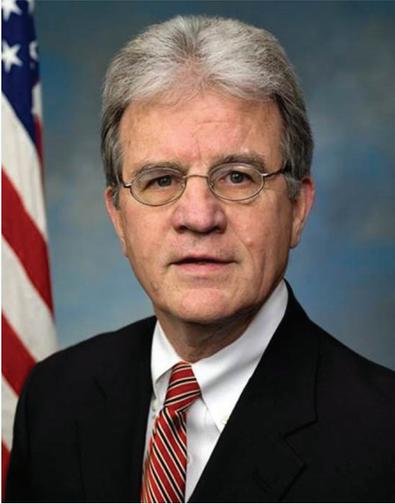
Alexander Hamilton Award  
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#### **CIGIE Awards Presentation**

THE HONORABLE MICHAEL E. HOROWITZ  
CIGIE Chair, Inspector General, U.S. Department of Justice  
ALLISON LERNER  
CIGIE Vice Chair, Inspector General, National Science Foundation

#### **Closing Remarks**

THE HONORABLE DAVID MONTOYA  
CIGIE Awards Program Co-Chair  
Inspector General, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development



**Tom A. Coburn, M.D.** was raised in Muskogee, Oklahoma and graduated from Oklahoma State University with an accounting degree. He married former Ms. Oklahoma Carolyn in 1968, and they now have three children and seven grandchildren.

From 1970-78, Dr. Coburn was the manufacturing manager at the Ophthalmic Division of Coburn Optical Industries in Colonial Heights, Virginia, growing the division from 13 employees to more than 350 and capturing 35% of the U.S. market. After the family business was sold, Coburn returned to school to become a physician, attending the University of Oklahoma's Medical School and graduating with his M.D. Dr. Coburn returned to Muskogee in 1983 to practice family medicine, allergy, and obstetrics. Dr. Coburn has personally delivered more than 4,000 babies.

From 1995-2001 Dr. Coburn represented Oklahoma's 2nd Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives, and was the first Republican to hold that seat for consecutive terms. Described by newspapers as a budget hawk, Coburn made balancing the budget a top priority. He played a central role in Medicare and health care debates. After a short time in the House, Dr. Coburn kept his word to serve no more than six years and returned full time to his medical practice in Muskogee.

Dr. Coburn served as the junior U.S. Senator of Oklahoma from 2005-2014 leading the fight to reduce wasteful Washington spending, increase accountability and transparency for all taxpayers, restore Constitutional government, and make health care more affordable and accessible for all Americans. In addition, Dr. Coburn has fought for the sanctity of life and private property rights. With Oklahoman independence, Dr. Coburn has successfully challenged the broken culture of Washington; offering more amendments than any other senator to end waste and protect liberties. As a citizen legislator, Dr. Coburn pledged to serve no more than two terms in the Senate.



MICHAEL E. HOROWITZ  
*Chair*

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR AND THE VICE CHAIR

Welcome to the annual awards ceremony of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency. Today we honor members of our community who performed extraordinary work during the past year that improved the performance of the organizations they oversee, and made our country stronger.

The approximately 14,000 staff at our 73 Inspector General (IG) offices perform, each year, thousands of audits, investigations, inspections, evaluations, and reviews which help ensure accountability and efficiency in government operations and save taxpayers billions of dollars. It is a humbling challenge for the CIGIE award committees to determine from such a diverse, outstanding body of work which nominations are most deserving of receiving recognition. As you can see from reviewing the program booklet, this year's recipients have distinguished themselves by performing truly challenging and innovative oversight efforts that have had a substantial and important impact. Congratulations to each of you for your remarkable achievements, as well as for being outstanding representatives of the entire IG community and for demonstrating through your commitment to public service, professionalism, and an exceptional quality of work what a strong and dedicated staff we have in the IG community.



ALLISON LERNER  
*Vice Chair*

We are extremely proud to be able to join with the IG community today in recognizing your accomplishments. The challenges that we often face in conducting effective oversight are many, and the results are not always welcomed, but through your efforts the American people are better served by the organizations you oversee. Thank you for your immeasurable contributions and congratulations again on your well-deserved awards.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael E. Horowitz".

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allison C. Lerner".



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## In Remembrance

## LIVES LOST IN THE LINE OF DUTY

*We would also like to recognize all OIG employees who have lost their lives while performing their official duties. We salute their service to the IG community and honor their sacrifice.*

### Agency for International Development

Oscar C. Holder

*Foreign Service Officer, Program Inspector*

Sidney B. Jacques

*Foreign Service Officer, Program Inspector*

*A 1962 plane crash of a Royal Nepal airlines plane in the Himalayas resulted in the deaths of Mr. Holder and Mr. Jacques.*

Charles Hegu

*Auditor*

William Stanford

*Auditor*

*In 1984, a terrorist shot and killed Mr. Hegu and Mr. Stanford during a Pakistan International Airline plane hijacking in Tebran, Iran.*

Robert Hebb

*Auditor*

Rolando Barahona

*Auditor*

*A Honduran airliner crashed on approach to the airport in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, resulting in the deaths of Mr. Hebb and Mr. Barahona in 1989.*

### Department of Housing and Urban Development

Paul Broxterman

*Special Agent*

*A victim of the Oklahoma City Bombing, Special Agent Paul Broxterman was the first HUD OIG agent killed in the line of duty. He was in his office at the Alfred Murrah Federal Building, which was destroyed on April 19, 1995.*

Abdon Cabello

*Special Agent*

*Abdon Cabello, a criminal investigator, collapsed and died suddenly on Monday, April 5, 1999, during physical training at the Basic Criminal Investigator Program at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Glynco, Georgia. He was 37 years old.*

Department of Justice

William "Buddy" Sentner, III  
*Special Agent*

*In June 2006, Special Agent Sentner was shot and killed while executing arrest warrants on six Bureau of Prisons correctional officers at the Federal Correctional Institution in Tallahassee, Florida.*

U.S. Postal Service

Greg R. Boss  
*Special Agent*

*On November 8, 2005, Special Agent Greg Boss was killed by an aggressive driver in a vehicle accident while on-duty in Colorado.*

Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction

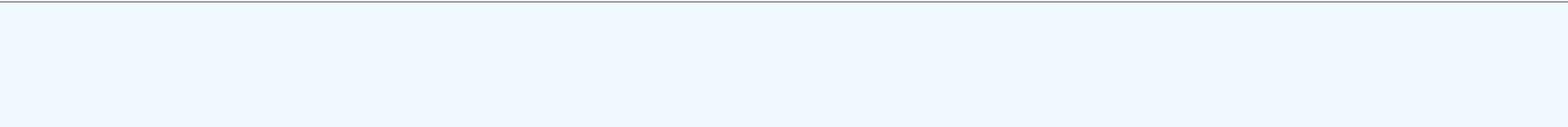
Paul Converse  
*Auditor*

*On March 23, 2008, the International Zone in Baghdad was hit by indirect fire. During one of the attacks, Paul Converse was seriously wounded. He died from his injuries on March 24, 2008.*

U.S. Department of State

Alan V. Gowing  
*Deputy Assistant Inspector General, Office of Security and Intelligence Oversight*

*On December 11, 1997, Mr. Gowing died while leading a security oversight inspection of the U.S. embassy in Baku, Azerbaijan.*





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## Special Category Awards

## ALEXANDER HAMILTON AWARD

U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Office of Audits, TSA Covert Testing Team

Duane Albert  
*Program Analyst*

Patricia A. Benson  
*Independent Referencer*

Douglas Bozeman  
*Program Analyst*

Kevin Dolloson  
*Communications Analyst*

Apostolos Exarchos  
*Program Analyst*

Elizabeth Finn  
*Program Analyst*

Karen J. Gardner  
*Auditor-in-Charge*

Shelley Howes  
*Audit Manager*

Richard T. Johnson  
*Director*

Gloria Medina-Ortiz  
*Auditor*

*In recognition of the DHS OIG audit team's exemplary service and commendable achievement on covert testing of Transportation Security Administration's Passenger Screening Technologies and Processes at Airport Security Checkpoints*

## GASTON L. GIANNI, JR. BETTER GOVERNMENT AWARD

U.S. Department of Agriculture  
USDA Rancho Investigation

Jose D. Barragan  
*Special Agent*

Edgar Jaimez  
*Investigator, FSIS, OIEA, CID*

Ryan Rogers  
*Investigator, FSIS, OIEA, CID*

Hartley M.K. West  
*Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office,  
Northern District of California*

*In recognition of the efforts to prosecute individuals who disregarded food safety standards and misled the public about the company's food safety practices that resulted in the recall of 8.7 million pounds of potentially contaminated beef*

## GLENN/ROTH AWARD FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE

U.S. Department of Defense  
Lead Inspector General for Overseas Contingency Operations Team

*Department of Defense Office of Inspector General*

Joe A. Baker  
*Assistant Deputy Inspector General,  
Office of Special Plans and Operations*

Ronald Baldinger  
*Program Analyst, Office of Special Plans and Operations*

Karen Bell  
*Strategic Oversight Planning Director, Office  
of Overseas Contingency Operations*

Rachel Berryman  
*Program Analyst, Office of Overseas Contingency Operations*

Scott Boehm  
*Senior Technical Advisor, Office of Intelligence  
and Special Program Assessments*

Leslee A.L. Bollea  
*Strategic Communications Director, Office of  
Overseas Contingency Operations*

Jeremy S. Brown  
*Liaison to the Department of State, Office of  
Overseas Contingency Operations*

Tammy Brown  
*Supervisory Human Resources Specialist, Mission Support Team*

Michael S. Child  
*Deputy Inspector General for Overseas Contingency Operations*

Bryan Clark  
*Program Manager, Office of Auditing*

Derwin L. Cooper  
*Security Specialist, Mission Support Team*

Richard J. Demler  
*Senior Program Analyst, Office of Overseas Contingency Operations*

Robert Dix  
*Human Resources Specialist, Mission Support Team*

Holly Dye  
*Program Analyst, Office of Overseas Contingency Operations*

Frederick J. Fair  
*Program Analyst, Office of Overseas Contingency Operations*

Andrew L. Fechhelm  
*Associate General Counsel*

J. David Gallalee  
*Operational Research Analyst,  
Office of Overseas Contingency Operations*

Patricia J. Goodin  
*Senior Country Representative for Operation Freedom's  
Sentinel, Office of Overseas Contingency Operations*

Joseph F. Graziano  
*Congressional Liaison for Lead Inspector General,  
Office of Overseas Contingency Operations*

Christopher Griffith  
*Senior Program Analyst, Office of Overseas Contingency Operations*

Shayla Hassan  
*Program Analyst, Office of Overseas Contingency Operations*

Deborah L. Horan  
*Senior Writer-Editor, Office of Overseas Contingency Operations*

Donald M. Horstman  
*Operational Research Analyst,  
Office of Overseas Contingency Operations*

James Howell  
*Chief Evaluator, Office of Policy and Oversight*

CAPT Kristin E. Jacobsen  
*USN, Military Advisor to Deputy Inspector General  
for Overseas Contingency Operations*

Michael J. Kamin  
*Senior Program Analyst and Senior Country Representative for  
Operation Inherent Resolve, Office of Overseas Contingency Operations*

Darryl S. Kinard  
*Program Analyst, Office of Overseas Contingency Operations*

David A. King  
*Theater Advisor for Lead Inspector General Programs,  
Office of Overseas Contingency Operations*

Parker Laite, III  
*Program Analyst, Office of Overseas Contingency Operations*

Richard J. Latham  
*Program Manager for Lead Inspector General, Office of Investigations*

Jacqueline F. Linville  
*Deployment Support Manager, Mission Support Team*

Timothy McCaig  
*Director for Overseas Contingency Operations Intelligence  
Evaluations, Office of Intelligence and Special Program Assessments*

Timothy C. McQuay  
*Managing Editor, Office of Overseas Contingency Operations*

Stanley Meyer  
*Assistant Deputy Inspector General,  
Office of Special Plans and Operations*

Kristopher F. Miltner  
*Chief of Staff, Office of Overseas Contingency Operations*

Haider A. H. Mullick  
*Senior Program Analyst, Office of Overseas Contingency Operations*

Stanley Newell  
*Deputy Assistant Inspector General, Office of Investigations*

Janice E. Nisbet  
*Staffing and Operations Director, Office of  
Overseas Contingency Operations*

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*Program Director for Contingency Operations  
Division, Office of Auditing*

Richard Okiishi  
*Special Assistant to the Deputy Inspector General  
for Overseas Contingency Operations*

Shane J. Parker  
*Senior Program Analyst, Office of Overseas Contingency Operations*

Dennis J. Peterson  
*Program Analyst, Office of Overseas Contingency Operations*

Dawn R. Reposky  
*Program Analyst, Office of Overseas Contingency Operations*

Michael Roark  
*Assistant Inspector General, Office of Auditing*

Charles P. Royce  
*Senior Country Representative for Operation Inherent  
Resolve, Office of Overseas Contingency Operations*

Quenton Sallows  
*Program Director for International Affairs, Office of Investigations*

Timothy V. Shindelar  
*Senior Program Analyst, Office of Overseas Contingency Operations*

Arielle Thornton  
*Program Analyst, Office of Overseas Contingency Operations*

William Vannurden  
*Supervisory Auditor, Office of Overseas Contingency Operations*

Carmen E. Williams  
*Program Analyst, Office of Overseas Contingency Operations*

Cynthia Williams  
*Joint Program Management Director, Office of Overseas Contingency Operations*

Warren D. Worth  
*Senior Hotline Investigator, Office of Overseas Contingency Operations*

*Department of State Office of Inspector General*

Arne Baker  
*Senior Inspector*

David Bernet  
*Senior Auditor*

Laurent Charbonnet  
*Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Inspections*

Glenn Furbish  
*Senior Auditor*

Michael Geasley  
*Director, Lead Inspector General Operations - Investigations Division*

Ryan Holden  
*Director, Congressional Relations*

Tinh Nguyen  
*Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audits,  
Middle East Region Operations*

Patricia Papas  
*Associate General Counsel*

Melinda Perez  
*Senior Auditor*

James Pollard  
*Senior Auditor*

William Stapleton  
*Co-Director,  
Overseas Contingency Operations Oversight*

David Stewart  
*Associate General Counsel*

Catherine Votaw  
*Co-Director, Overseas Contingency Operations Oversight*

Daniel Wilkens  
*Director, Lead Inspector General Operations - Investigations Division*

*U.S. Agency for International Development Office of Inspector General*

Jessica Abenstein  
*Criminal Investigator*

Zac Bao  
*Auditor*

Alvin Brown  
*Deputy Assistant Inspector General*

James Charlifue  
*Director*

Jon Chasson  
*Director*

Thaddeus Corley  
*Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge*

Melinda Dempsey  
*Deputy Assistant Inspector General*

Michelle Diouf  
*Auditor*

Simone Duncan  
*Auditor*

Louis Duncan, Jr.  
*Audit Manager*

Emily Gardiner  
*Audit Manager*

Rebecca Giacalone  
*Special Agent*

Abdoulaye Gueye  
*Director*

Timothy Hart  
*Auditor*

Christopher Johnson  
*Director*

Eve Joseph  
*Auditor*

Ismail Kenessy <i>Auditor</i>	Laura Rousseau <i>Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge</i>
Guy Kone <i>Auditor</i>	Jacob Rutz <i>Auditor</i>
Tim Lamping <i>Auditor</i>	Andrew Schmidt <i>Management Analyst</i>
Megan Levanduski <i>Program Analyst</i>	Jon Schofield <i>Special Agent-in-Charge</i>
Mamesho Macaulay <i>Auditor</i>	Wilbert J. Schwinn, III <i>Senior Management Analyst and OCO Coordinator</i>
Steven Meints <i>Special Agent</i>	Andrian Smith <i>Auditor</i>
William Murphy <i>Director</i>	Marianne Soliman <i>Auditor</i>
Jessica Pearch <i>Auditor</i>	Kartik Srinivasan <i>Auditor</i>
Jill Randall <i>Auditor</i>	Allison Tarmann <i>Writer-Editor</i>
Donell Ries <i>Auditor</i>	Dave Thomanek <i>Director</i>
Karla Robinson <i>Auditor</i>	David Waldron <i>Auditor</i>
Donna Rosa <i>Auditor</i>	Christopher Walker <i>Auditor</i>

*In recognition of the distinguished achievement of the OIGs of the Department of Defense, Department of State, and U.S. Agency for International Development for oversight of overseas contingency operations through the congressionally mandated Lead IG framework*

## SENTNER AWARD FOR DEDICATION AND COURAGE

### Department of Labor

Michelle Stickler  
*Special Agent*

*In recognition of performing a heroic act of bravery that warranted decisive action while in the face of personal danger and prevented what could have resulted in the death of an individual*

## **JUNE GIBBS BROWN CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

### **National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency**

Frank S. Chase  
*Assistant Inspector General for Inspections*

*In recognition of 38 years of outstanding leadership in inspector general operations throughout the Department of Defense and Intelligence Community. Mr. Chase is without peer in inspection expertise and building organizations that promote the efficiency and integrity of Federal programs.*

## **AWARD FOR INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENT**

### **Federal Reserve Board and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau**

Khalid Hasan  
*Senior OIG Manager*

*In recognition of significant and sustained contributions to the CIGIE, by collaborating with the OMB, DHS, and across the IG community to update and improve the 2016 IG Reporting Metrics under the Federal Information Security Modernization Act*



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**Barry R. Snyder  
Joint Award**

**Federal Audit Executive Council  
DATA Act Working Group 2016**

Herb Addy <i>Treasury OIG</i>	Kenneth Dion <i>Treasury OIG</i>
Keyawnia Alford <i>DoD OIG</i>	Sanjay Duggal <i>DOT OIG</i>
Erika Baez <i>DoD OIG</i>	Anna Elias <i>USAID OIG</i>
Ade Bankole <i>Treasury OIG</i>	Christopher "Reid" Featherstone <i>USAID OIG</i>
George Banks <i>DOT OIG</i>	Emily Franko <i>NSF OIG</i>
Leslie Barnett <i>FLRA OIG</i>	Marla Freedman <i>Treasury OIG</i>
Bobbie Jean Bartz <i>DOJ OIG</i>	Jeffrey Funk <i>GSA OIG</i>
Pauletta Battle <i>DoD OIG</i>	Lee Giesbrecht <i>VA OIG</i>
Crystal Brandon <i>DoD OIG</i>	Elizabeth Goebels <i>NSF OIG</i>
Jeff Brindle <i>SBA OIG</i>	Elizabeth Gontarek <i>SEC OIG</i>
Porsha Brower <i>GSA OIG</i>	Sharell Grady <i>DHS OIG</i>
Aron Brown <i>FCC OIG</i>	Cynthia Gray <i>FRB OIG</i>
Bill Bruns <i>NCUA OIG</i>	Gil Hardin <i>USDA OIG</i>
Horace Bryan <i>Treasury OIG</i>	Tabitha Hart <i>DOJ OIG</i>
Sherill Butcher <i>DOT OIG</i>	Margaret Hiatt <i>EPA OIG</i>
Cairo Carr <i>GSA OIG</i>	Sharon Huiswoud <i>DHS OIG</i>
Long Chen <i>USAID OIG</i>	Jennifer Hutkoff <i>EPA OIG</i>
Tony Choma <i>TIGTA</i>	Jeneba Jalloh <i>Treasury OIG</i>
Catherine Chunn <i>CNCS OIG</i>	Daniel Jensen <i>Treasury OIG</i>
Joseph Cummings <i>HHS OIG</i>	Mark Jenson <i>NASA OIG</i>
Beverly Dale <i>DHS OIG</i>	Chiquita Johnson <i>DoD OIG</i>
Rod Desmet <i>USDA OIG</i>	Fred Jones <i>USAID OIG</i>

Sophie Jones <i>FCC OIG</i>	Kurtashia Murray <i>DoD OIG</i>
Tracy Katz <i>Labor OIG</i>	Chinero Nwaigwe <i>HHS OIG</i>
Kevin Kelly <i>DOT OIG</i>	Sunday Okurume <i>VA OIG</i>
Louis King <i>DOT OIG</i>	Beverly O'Neill <i>State OIG</i>
Michael Klausmeier <i>SSA OIG</i>	Christopher Phipps <i>DOC OIG</i>
Chris Kunitz <i>DNI OIG</i>	Shellie Purnell-Brown <i>FEC OIG</i>
Larry Lau <i>DOJ OIG</i>	Laura Rainey <i>NSF OIG</i>
Lynn Lavelle <i>DNI OIG</i>	Steve Rickrode <i>USDA OIG</i>
Marj Leaming <i>DHS OIG</i>	Kelly Robinson <i>USDA OIG</i>
Addison Lee <i>DOT OIG</i>	Marisa Roinestad <i>GSA OIG</i>
Lori Lee <i>SSA OIG</i>	Dana Rooney <i>FLRA OIG</i>
Carla Lewis <i>HHS OIG</i>	James Santos <i>DNI OIG</i>
Elliot Lewis <i>Labor OIG</i>	Sue Schwendiman <i>VA OIG</i>
James Lisle <i>Treasury OIG</i>	Tom Seluzicki <i>VA OIG</i>
Deborah Maddux <i>FCC OIG</i>	Edward Slevin <i>Education OIG</i>
Marie Maguire <i>NSF OIG</i>	Andrea Smith <i>Treasury OIG</i>
Theresa Malatek <i>USDA OIG</i>	Ashley Smith <i>Treasury OIG</i>
Christa Martinez <i>DNI OIG</i>	Karmel Smith <i>SBA OIG</i>
Maria McLean <i>Treasury OIG</i>	Kelly Stankus <i>SSA OIG</i>
Mark Meehan <i>SSA OIG</i>	Christen Stevenson <i>Treasury OIG</i>
Troy Meyer <i>SBA OIG</i>	Michelle Strong <i>TIGTA</i>
Alicia Mrozowski <i>TIGTA</i>	Thomas Summers <i>DOT OIG</i>
Mark Mulholland <i>FDIC OIG</i>	Bob Taylor <i>Treasury OIG</i>

John Tomasetti  
*Treasury OIG*

Victoria Vetter  
*SSA OIG*

Catherine Walters  
*NSF OIG*

David Weil  
*USAID OIG*

Melinda Wenzl  
*USDA OIG*

Alfreda White  
*USDA OIG*

Avery Williams  
*Treasury OIG*

Anthony Wysocki  
*DOT OIG*

Carol Yates  
*USAID OIG*

*In recognition of excellence in leading the IG community's initial response to the DATA Act*



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## Awards for Excellence

## ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

### Social Security Administration Improving Employee Satisfaction Team

Kelly Bloyer  
*Assistant Inspector General for Communications  
and Resource Management*

Andrew Cannarsa  
*Public Affairs Specialist*

Max Dell  
*Management Analyst*

Joseph Gangloff  
*Counsel to the Inspector General*

Brian Karpe  
*Director of Human Resources, Budget, and Logistics*

Tracy Lyngge  
*Communications Director*

Christin Silver  
*Public Affairs Specialist*

Amy M. Smith  
*Executive Officer*

*In recognition of its outstanding efforts to improve communication from OIG leadership to staff; among OIG employees; and between OIG and SSA employees in support of our anti-fraud initiatives*

## AUDIT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

### U.S. Department of Agriculture USDA Discrimination Claims Processes Audits Team

Dorothy Alley  
*Assistant Director*

Christine Arbogast  
*Assistant Counsel*

Dennis Boedigheimer  
*Assistant Director*

Elizabeth Burchfield  
*Auditor*

Monica DeVaughn  
*Auditor*

Suzanne DuPont  
*Audit Technician*

Ernest Hayashi  
*Director*

Eric Hermosillo  
*Senior Auditor*

Adel Hernandez  
*Senior Auditor*

Donte Jones  
*Auditor*

Paul Keating  
*Director*

Turon Kendrick  
*Senior Auditor*

Barbara Lewis  
*Auditor*

Benjamin Lloyd  
*Senior Auditor*

Michael Martin  
*Supervisory Writer-Editor*

John Massa  
*Senior Auditor*

Leigh Meyer  
*Senior Auditor*

Andrea Minter  
*Auditor*

James Myers  
*Senior Auditor*

Alexis Payne  
*Assistant Director*

Donald Pfeil  
*Senior Auditor*

Thomas Redmond  
*Senior Auditor*

LaRoyce Reid  
*Auditor*

Karen Ulatowski  
*Senior Auditor*

Brett Siefers  
*Assistant Director*

Simon Yao  
*Auditor*

*In recognition of outstanding efforts of the Black Farmers Discrimination Litigation and the Hispanic and Women Farmers and Ranchers litigation audit teams to ensure the integrity of the discrimination claims processes*

**Amtrak**  
New Jersey High-Speed Rail  
Improvement Project Audit Team

Walter Beckman  
*Senior Auditor*

Michael Kennedy  
*Senior Director*

Thelca Constantin  
*Senior Auditor*

Todd Kowalski  
*Senior Audit Manager*

*In recognition of audit work that strengthened Amtrak's management and oversight of the New Jersey High-Speed Rail Improvement Project*

**U.S. Department of Commerce**  
Geostationary Operational Environmental  
Satellite-R Series Audit Team

Allen R. Crawley  
*Assistant Inspector General for Systems Acquisition and IT Security*

Frederick J. Meny  
*Director for Satellites and Weather Systems*

Matthew Katz  
*Writer-Editor*

Katherine A. Smith  
*Auditor*

Richard Krasner  
*Senior Satellite Analyst*

*In recognition of exemplary achievement in identifying critical weaknesses to Congress and Department leadership concerning NOAA's management and acquisition of the \$10.8 billion Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite-R Series*

**U.S. Department of Defense**  
Air Force and Navy Secret Internet Protocol Router Network Security Controls Audit Team

Carolyn J. Davis  
*Project Manager*

Joseph Siddall  
*Editor*

Paul Hadjiyane  
*Attorney*

Bradley Sutera  
*Attorney*

Mark A. Heim  
*Team Leader*

Justin L. Symonds  
*Auditor*

Rajesh Rajendrapillai  
*Operational Research Analyst*

Christopher Tischer  
*Editor*

Richard B. Vasquez  
*Program Director*

Allison N. Wynn  
*Auditor*

*In recognition of exceptional performance in the review of the Air Force and Navy SIPRNET Security Controls*

## Government Travel Charge Cards Used at Casinos and Adult Entertainment Establishments Audit Team

Adam Conrath  
*Team Leader*

Carmen Malone  
*Project Manager*

Travis Duling  
*Team Leader*

Rajesh Rajendrapillai  
*Operational Research Analyst*

Benjamin Howison  
*Team Leader*

Joseph Siddall  
*Editor*

Peggy Hutchinson  
*Team Leader*

Eric Thacker  
*Program Director*

Paul Knoth  
*Attorney*

John Williams  
*Team Leader*

William Lemmon  
*Team Leader*

*In recognition of exceptional performance in identifying misuse and abuse of Department of Defense government travel charge cards at casinos and adult entertainment establishments*

## U.S. Department of Education SOLEX College Audit Team

William Bennett  
*Auditor*

Lisa F. Robinson  
*Assistant Regional Inspector General for Audit*

Gregory Bernert  
*Auditor*

Thomas Sample  
*Auditor-in-Charge*

Nancy Buckheit  
*Statistician*

Christian Vierling  
*Director, Student Financial Advisory  
and Assistance Team*

Carla McKenzie  
*Assistant Counsel to the Inspector General*

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*In recognition of exemplary efforts in auditing and use of data analytics that identified critical issues of interest to the U.S. Department of Education in its efforts to reduce the risk of fraud, waste, and abuse in the Federal Pell Grant program*

## U.S. Department of Energy The National Nuclear Security Administration's Network Vision Initiative Audit Team

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*In recognition of outstanding audit work that identified significant project management weaknesses related to The National Nuclear Security Administration's Network Vision Initiative*

**Export-Import Bank of the United States**  
**Export-Import Bank Contracting Audit Team**

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*In recognition of excellence in identifying opportunities for Export-Import Bank to significantly improve its contracting processes*

**Federal Reserve Board and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau**  
**Audit Team for the Federal Reserve Board's**  
**Public Release of Economic Information**

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*In recognition of significant contributions to strengthening the Federal Reserve Board's controls to safeguard embargoed sensitive economic information provided to news organizations*

**General Services Administration**  
**IT Contractor Preaward Audit Team**

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*In recognition of outstanding work resulting in \$123 million of cost savings on a large General Services Administration contract for information technology equipment*

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**  
**Generic Drug Price Increases Audit Team**

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*In recognition of major contributions made in response to a congressional request to examine generic drug price increases and their effect on Medicaid*

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*In recognition of the DHS OIG audit team's exemplary service and commendable effort in auditing the Federal Protective Service's management of its vehicle fleet*

**Office of IT Audits, TSA's Airport Worker Vetting Team**

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*In recognition of outstanding achievement in auditing the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) vetting of airport workers with access to secure areas of commercial airports resulting in recommendations for improving the vetting process*

**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**  
Internal Audit Team for Overincome Families Residing in Public Housing Units

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*In recognition of your outstanding achievement in improving the integrity,  
efficiency and effectiveness of executive branch agency operations*

**U.S. Department of the Interior**  
Climate Science Centers

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*In recognition of scientific tools to increase understanding of climate change and determine an effective response  
to its impact on tribes and on land, water, ocean, fish and wildlife, and cultural heritage resources*

**U.S. Department of Justice**  
Drug Enforcement Administration's Confidential Source Policies and  
Oversight of Higher Risk Confidential Sources Team

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*In recognition of the team's determination and resilience to overcome numerous obstacles to access necessary information  
and report on significant issues related to the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) management and oversight*

**U.S. Department of Labor**  
Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Whistleblower Protection Programs Audit Team

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*In recognition of excellence for work that contributed to strengthening the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Whistleblower Protection Programs to provide better protection against employer retaliation for workers who "blow the whistle"*

### National Aeronautics and Space Administration

#### NASA Office of Inspector General Review of NASA's Response to Orbital's 2014 Launch Failure

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*In recognition of exceptional achievement and outstanding teamwork reviewing NASA's response to commercial contractor's 2014 launch failure of a cargo mission and its impacts on resupply of the International Space Station*

### National Security Agency NSA Contract Closeout Audit Team

Stacey Morck  
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*In recognition for outstanding efforts to ensure that the Agency accurately and effectively manages funds remaining on closed contracts as well as improve accountability over government-furnished property*

### Nuclear Regulatory Commission The Security and Information Management Team

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*For exceptional performance in identifying information security weaknesses at the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board that led to improvements in their cyber security guidance and access controls over sensitive unclassified information*

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*In recognition of exceptional performance in identifying information security vulnerabilities in NRC's Network Security Operations Center*

## Peace Corps

### Audit of the Peace Corps' Healthcare Benefits Administration Contract

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*In recognition of the audit team's excellence in identifying serious flaws in the Peace Corps' management of three major contracts*

## Small Business Administration

### Audit Team for SBA's Oversight of Loan Agents

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*In recognition of excellence in identifying growing risks and significant deficiencies in SBA's oversight of loan agents participating in its small business lending programs*

## Social Security Administration

### Underpayments to Eligible Social Security Beneficiaries

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*Audit Manager*

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*Audit Manager*

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*In recognition for conducting four highly successful audits that identified significant control weaknesses in the SSA improperly underpaying approximately 50,000 eligible beneficiaries \$344.6 million in payments*

### **Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction Afghanistan Extractive Industries Team**

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*In recognition of outstanding work in identifying critical weaknesses and fundamental challenges in planning, executing, and sustaining \$488 million worth of U.S. investments to improve Afghanistan's extractive industries*

### **U.S. Department of State Residential Security Audit Team**

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*In recognition of exceptional work in conducting an audit of residential security at overseas posts that identified and advanced needed security measures to protect personnel serving abroad*

### **Worldwide Protective Services Contract—Embassy Baghdad Audit Team**

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*In recognition of exceptional work in conducting an audit of the Worldwide Protective Services (WPS) Task Order 3 for Embassy Baghdad that identified more than \$20 million in cost savings and contributed to improving the management of the WPS contract*

**Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration**  
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*In recognition of outstanding achievement by the Returns Processing and Account Services Get Transcript Audit Group for their efforts in improving the IRS's process to identify and assist all victims of the Get Transcript security breach*

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*In recognition of the outstanding work of the USPS OIG's IT audit team in identifying weaknesses in USPS's cybersecurity strategy, resourcing, and training; and recommending improvements in response to the 2014 Postal Service cyber intrusion*

**Workers' Compensation Compound Drug Costs**

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*In recognition of outstanding achievement in identifying and analyzing excessive and dramatically escalating U.S. Postal Service Office of Workers' Compensation Program (OWCP) compound drug costs and sounding the alarm for actions to curtail these costs*

### U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Audit of the Seismic Safety of VA's Facilities

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*In recognition of outstanding audit work exposing major seismic deficiencies within VA facilities, leading to a Presidential Executive Order ensuring veteran and employee safety in not only VA but all Federal buildings with high risk seismic activity*

## EMPLOYEE PROTECTIONS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

### U.S. Department of Defense

Rights of Conscience Protection for Service Members and Their Chaplains Assessment Team

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*In recognition of exceptional performance during the Assessment of Rights of Conscience Protections for Service Members and Chaplains*

## EVALUATIONS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

### U.S. Department of Defense U.S. Theater Nuclear Planning Process Assessment Team

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*In recognition of and exceptional performance in the oversight evaluation of the Department of Defense's Theater Nuclear Planning Process. The team's efforts were a credit to the DoD IG and the Department of Defense*

### U.S. Department of Energy Identifying Systemic Weaknesses in Process and Procedures Associated with Radioactive Materials Inspections Team

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*In recognition of outstanding work exposing challenges DOE has in properly maintaining, controlling, and accounting for its nuclear materials, and proposing ways to effectively manage the stockpile of radioactive materials accumulated over several decades*

### U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Antipsychotics Evaluation Team

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*In recognition of calling CMS to action to address the monitoring of  
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*In recognition of HHS OIG's multidisciplinary effort to produce a targeted data brief,  
an innovative portfolio report, and coordinated investigations that brought national  
attention to the vulnerabilities in Medicare Part D program integrity*

### U.S. Department of the Interior

Security of the U.S. Department of the Interior Publicly Accessible Information Technology Systems

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*IT Security Inspector*

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*In recognition of the team's exceptional performance in identifying significant weaknesses in and making recommendations that strengthened the U.S. Department of the Interior's practices for protecting its publicly accessible and internal computer systems*

**Peace Corps**  
Evaluation of the Peace Corps' Volunteer Healthcare Program

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*In recognition of the evaluation team's excellence in identifying needed improvements to the Peace Corps' Volunteer healthcare program*

**Small Business Administration**  
Women-Owned Small Business Federal Contracting Program Evaluation Team

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*In recognition of excellence in identifying significant weaknesses with SBA's Management of the Women-Owned Small Business Federal Contracting Program*

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE**

**U.S. Department of Agriculture**  
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*In recognition of the outstanding efforts of the Information Technology Division Team, which timely shut down the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board IT systems*

**U.S. Department of Education**  
U.S. Department of Education Office of Inspector General FISMA Audit Team

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*In recognition of the team's exceptional and comprehensive FISMA audit work detailing the effectiveness of the U.S. Department of Education's information security program*

**U.S. Department of Homeland Security**  
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*In recognition of auditing U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' development of the Electronic Immigration System, which exceeded cost estimates by 480 percent, slowed immigration benefit claims processing, and increased national security risks*

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NASA OIG ITS and RMD Team

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*In recognition of the delivery of cost-effective, secure, reliable, and innovative information technology solutions to Offices of Inspector General across the Inspector General community*

**U.S. Department of Transportation**  
Volpe Network Security Audit Team

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*In recognition of outstanding efforts in identifying hackable network vulnerabilities*

**INVESTIGATIONS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE**

**U.S. Department of Agriculture**  
Carson Helicopter Investigation

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*In recognition of the extraordinary investigative efforts and interagency cooperation to prosecute violators who disregarded safety standards and practices by falsifying critical documents that resulted in nine fatalities*

**Amtrak**

**Niantic River Bridge Replacement Project Investigation Team**

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*In recognition of investigative work that identified fraudulent labor billings for Amtrak capital projects, including a critical infrastructure project on the Northeast Corridor — the Niantic River Bridge Replacement*

**U.S. Department of Defense**  
**James Warner Investigation Team**

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*In recognition of investigative excellence in the James Warner public corruption investigation*

**U.S. Department of Education**  
**Supplemental Educational Services Investigative and Prosecutive Team**

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*In recognition of exemplary achievement in investigating and prosecuting  
fraud and corruption in federally funded tutoring programs*

**General Services Administration**  
**Silver Star Construction Investigative Team**

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*In recognition of outstanding investigative work on a highly complex  
Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business case*

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**  
**Project Guardian Investigative Team**

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*In recognition of your outstanding work on the Project Guardian Investigation*

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*In recognition of your outstanding commitment, dedication, initiative and teamwork demonstrated in the successful investigation and prosecution of twenty-five individuals involved in single family fraud*

**U.S. Department of Justice**  
Restoring the Trust

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*In recognition of the successful investigation and prosecution of 2 federal agents who stole over \$1.6 million in Bitcoins during their investigation of Silk Road*

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*In recognition of the team's outstanding ingenuity, dedication, and expertise demonstrated in the Massey Energy – Upper Big Branch Mine Investigation and Trial*

**National Aeronautics and Space Administration**  
Investigation of Procurement Kickback Scheme

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*In recognition of investigative excellence of a multiagency effort that successfully identified and neutralized pervasive corruption within a key part of the U.S. Government's aerospace supply chain*

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*In recognition of outstanding dedication and perseverance in the investigation of USIS, the largest contractor in the U.S. Office of Personnel Management's background investigations program*

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*In recognition of the outstanding teamwork in a multiyear joint agency investigation that uncovered a unique, complex and sophisticated \$30 million employee benefit and Federal contract fraud scheme involving over 1,000 victims*

## Social Security Administration

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*In recognition of her outstanding investigation regarding a decade-long racketeering enterprise in which co-conspirators targeted mentally disabled victims in order to steal their Social Security benefits*

### Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction Kandahar Airfield Base Joint Investigation Team

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*In recognition of exceptional collaboration with federal investigative agencies to successfully detect a fuel theft scheme leading to multiple prosecutions and \$26.8 million in penalties and seizures*

### Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program General Motors Corporation Investigation Team

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*In recognition for outstanding investigation of a multibillion dollar life-threatening defective product scheme*

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*In recognition of exceptional performance identifying and resolving a global, multilevel marketing fraud scheme, resulting in the successful criminal prosecution of four co-conspirators and a civil settlement of \$1.65 million*

## U.S. Department of the Treasury

Jacob Heminger  
*Special Agent*

*In recognition of outstanding efforts to bring to justice eight criminal offenders involved in a scheme to defraud the U.S. Mint and numerous Financial Institutions out of more than one million dollars*

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by the Lost Emails Investigative Team for their efforts in conducting an unprecedented  
and complex investigation into the loss of electronic IRS records*

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*In recognition of outstanding collaboration by multiple agencies in combating health care provider fraud*

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*In recognition of exceptional investigative work that led to successful public corruption  
prosecutions of four former VA employees, three contractors, and one subcontractor associated  
with construction contracts at several VA Medical Centers in California*

## LAW AND LEGISLATION AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

### National Science Foundation

Dr. Montgomery K. Fisher  
*Director of IPARE and Senior Counsel*

*In recognition of Montgomery Fisher's outstanding dedication, initiative, and effort during a 26-year career in the National Science Foundation Office of Inspector General*

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*In recognition of the exemplary investigative efforts that resulted in a landmark \$95.5 million civil settlement with Education Management Corporation for violations of the False Claims Act and Federal and State student aid regulations and requirements*

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*In recognition of outstanding work resulting in the recovery of \$75.5 million  
from Carahsoft Technology Corporation and VMware Inc.*

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Child Care Health and Safety Audit Team**

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*In recognition of exceptional teamwork in producing a body of work highlighting child care health and safety violations resulting in unprecedented media coverage and response by States to implement recommendations*

**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**  
**Wells Fargo Bank — False Claims Against the Federal Housing Administration Insurance Fund**

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*In recognition of exemplary work in the investigation and resulting \$1.2 billion civil settlement with Wells Fargo Bank for improperly underwritten Federal Housing Administration loans*

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**Deepwater Horizon Criminal Investigation Team**

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*In recognition of the superior expertise and persistence in conducting the criminal investigation of parties responsible for the effects of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Rig explosion*

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*In recognition of dedication to safeguarding government-held data and tireless efforts to improve the security of the IT systems that support OPM's programs and operations*

### **Small Business Administration UFC Aerospace Prosecution Team**

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*For protecting the integrity of government-wide small business contracting programs*

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*In recognition of multidisciplinary work which had a positive impact on the Department of Transportation's ability to identify and investigate vehicle safety defects and to deter corporations from concealing critical vehicle defect information*

## SPECIAL ACT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

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*In recognition of the innovation, creativity, and commitment to implementing a Congressionally mandated initiative to deter fraud in government contracts and to improve the resultant coordinating and oversight responsibility of the DoD and the OIG Program*

### U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Operation Hire Up Team

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*In recognition of the OIG Operation Hire Up team's groundbreaking efforts to improve the selection of highly qualified analysts across the CIGIE community*

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*In recognition of excellence in providing a sustained source of comprehensive data and analysis and independent and objective analysis needed by Congress to oversee \$113 billion for the U.S. reconstruction effort in Afghanistan*

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