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Ceremony to Honor Recipients for Outstanding Accomplishments in the Inspector General Community

The Honorable Rod J. Rosenstein, Deputy Attorney General, to Deliver Keynote Address

On Wednesday, October 17, 2018, the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) will host the Federal inspector general community's 21st Annual Awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of the inspector general workforce. The Honorable Rod J. Rosenstein, Deputy Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, will deliver this year's keynote address.

Individuals and teams from among CIGIE's 73 member agencies will be presented with 7 Special Category Awards and nearly 80 Awards for Excellence in the areas of auditing; evaluations; investigations; information technology; law and legislation; and more.

The Honorable Margaret Weichert, CIGIE Executive Chair and Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget, will provide remarks and present the prestigious Special Category Awards, whose recipients were selected by CIGIE's Executive Council.

The Honorable Michael E. Horowitz, CIGIE Chair, and Allison Lerner, CIGIE Vice-Chair, will present the Awards for Excellence, whose recipients were determined by panels of their distinguished peers.

CIGIE's Annual Awards notably highlight many team achievements that demonstrate the strong interagency cooperation among the Federal offices of inspector general to combat fraud, waste, and abuse in government programs and operations. This year's awards ceremony is being co-chaired by the Honorable Robert P. Storch, Inspector General, National Security Agency, and Wendy R. Laguarda, Inspector General, Farm Credit Administration.

This year's recipients for the Special Category Awards are:

Alexander Hamilton Award

Agency for International Development, Rebecca Giacalone, Special Agent

In recognition of sustained superior levels of performance, extreme courage, and investigative determination in furtherance of foreign assistance oversight in a war-torn region.

Gaston L. Gianni, Jr. Better Government Award

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, VA Secretary and Delegation Travel to Europe Investigation Team

In recognition of the OIG team's highly scrutinized ethics investigation of the VA Secretary's travel to Europe that resulted in leadership changes, employee retraining, and recovery of taxpayer dollars.

Glenn/Roth Award for Exemplary Service

Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, Leahy Laws Team

In recognition of excellence in responding to Congressional queries about Afghan assault violations, resulting in enacting legislation to ensure better reporting of incidents, which may help to safeguard Afghan children.

Sentner Award for Dedication and Courage

Agency for International Development, Syria Investigations Team

In recognition of exceptional and sustained courage and investigative determination in overseeing foreign assistance in a war-torn region.

June Gibbs Brown Career Achievement Award

U.S. Department of Transportation, Brian Dettelbach, Assistant Inspector General for Legal, Legislative and External Affairs

In recognition of innovative and impactful contributions to legislation to protect the independence of Inspectors General and benefit the entire OIG community.

Award for Individual Accomplishment

National Science Foundation, Alan F. Boehm, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations

In recognition of his singular contributions to the IG investigative community and his accomplishments as Chair and Vice Chair of the CIGIE AIGI Committee.

Barry R. Snyder Joint Award

Office of Inspector General Community, Oversight.gov Team

In recognition of the creation of Oversight.gov, a groundbreaking public database of reports and information from federal Inspectors General. The initiative represents an important milestone in cooperation and transparency for the IG community.

CIGIE will post a complete list of awards, recipients, and citations at https://www.ignet.gov/content/awards on the day of the ceremony.

The ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 17, 2018, at the Ronald Reagan Building Amphitheater, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. For additional information about the awards or the ceremony, please contact Mark Jones, CIGIE Executive Director, at (202) 292-2600.

CIGIE is an independent entity established within the executive branch by the Inspector General Act and includes 73 statutorily created Federal inspectors general. Its mission is to address integrity, economy, and effectiveness issues that transcend individual Government agencies and to aid in the establishment of a well-trained and highly skilled workforce in the offices of the inspectors general. For more information about CIGIE and the inspector general community, please visit https://www.ignet.gov/. To find and read reports from the Federal inspectors general, please visit https://oversight.gov and follow @OversightGov on Twitter.

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