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1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004
CIGIE AWARDS–2019

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Presentation of Colors and National Anthem

Welcoming Remarks

The Honorable Paul K. Martin
CIGIE Awards Program Co-Chair
Inspector General, National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Keynote Address

The Honorable James F. Bridenstine
Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Special Category Awards Presentation

The Honorable Margaret Weichert
CIGIE Executive Chair
Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget

Alexander Hamilton Award
Gaston L. Gianni, Jr. Better Government Award
Glenn/Roth Exemplary Service Award
Sentner Award for Dedication and Courage
June Gibbs Brown Career Achievement Award
Award for Individual Accomplishment
Barry R. Snyder Joint Award

CIGIE Awards Presentation

The Honorable Michael E. Horowitz
CIGIE Chair,
Inspector General, U.S. Department of Justice

Allison C. Lerner
CIGIE Vice Chair,
Inspector General, National Science Foundation

Closing Remarks

Cathy L. Helm
CIGIE Awards Program Co-Chair
Inspector General, Smithsonian Institution
NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine

James Frederick "Jim" Bridenstine was nominated by President Donald Trump, confirmed by the U.S. Senate, and sworn in as NASA’s 13th Administrator on April 23, 2018.

Bridenstine was elected in 2012 to represent Oklahoma’s First Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he served on the Armed Services Committee and the Science, Space and Technology Committee.

Bridenstine’s career in federal service began in the U.S. Navy, flying the E-2C Hawkeye off the USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier. It was there that he flew combat missions in Iraq and Afghanistan and accrued most of his 1,900 flight hours and 333 carrier-arrested landings. He later moved to the F-18 Hornet and flew at the Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center, the parent command to TOPGUN.

After transitioning from active duty to the U.S. Navy Reserve, Bridenstine returned to Tulsa, Oklahoma, to be the Executive Director of the Tulsa Air and Space Museum & Planetarium.

Bridenstine completed a triple major at Rice University, and earned his MBA at Cornell University. He has three children with his wife, Michelle.
Welcome to the 22nd annual awards ceremony of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency. This is a special day for our award winners and their families, and an extraordinary day for our community. Extraordinary, because we gather today as one—not 73—in order to celebrate the remarkable achievements of all. These achievements over the past year serve to promote accountability within the individual agencies we oversee and increase public trust in the institution of government as a whole.

Together, we are a 13,000-strong team of government oversight professionals. Together, we perform, each year, thousands of audits, investigations, inspections, evaluations, and reviews which help ensure efficiency in government operations and the realization of billions of dollars in savings. The collective impact of that work, visible at a glance on Oversight.gov, is breathtaking.

Each report publicly posted on Oversight.gov is a powerful reminder of why we are here and the tremendous value we bring to the table. Of those reports, a significant number was deemed consequential enough in their own right to merit an award nomination, fully and vigorously supported by leadership. A very few, truly the best of the best in a year of very stiff competition, reflected work so powerful, that it serves as an exemplar to all and is deserving of an award.

Congratulations to each of you for your remarkable achievements. You are outstanding representatives of the entire IG community and demonstrate through your commitment to public service, professionalism, and an exceptional quality of work. What a strong and dedicated staff we have in our community.

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 dedication to our mission and congratulations again on your well-deserved awards.

Michael E. Horowitz  
Chair

Allison C. Lerner  
Vice Chair
In Remembrance

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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.

U.S. 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 Hega  
*Auditor*

William Stanford  
*Auditor*

*In 1984, a terrorist shot and killed Mr. Hega and Mr. Stanford during a Pakistan International Airline plane hijacking in Tehran, 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.*

U.S. 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.*
U.S. 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.
In Memoriam

Paola Merino
February 18, 1971–August 16, 2019
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Special Category Awards
ALEXANDER HAMILTON AWARD

U.S. Department of Justice
Pre-Election Review Team

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Daniel C. Beckhard
Assistant Inspector General

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Special Agent in Charge

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Investigative Counsel

Katherine A. Hazemey
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Senior Special Agent

Jeremy Hunt
Senior Special Agent

Bradley S. Leonard
Lead Information Technology Specialist

Harry A. Lidsky
Assistant Special Agent in Charge

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Jennifer Maceda
Investigative Counsel

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Investigative Counsel

Julie K. McConnell
Investigative Counsel

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Transcription Specialist

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Michelle Skarp
Program Analyst

Alicia Vazquez
Senior Special Agent

Nathan M. Wiery
Information Technology Specialist

Briana N. Woodard
Investigative Specialist

In recognition of outstanding achievements in improving the integrity of the Department of Justice through its comprehensive review examining various actions by the Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in advance of the 2016 election
GASTON L. GIANNI, JR. BETTER GOVERNMENT AWARD

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Montana Dr. Stanley Patrick Weber Investigation Team and the United States (U.S.) vs. Levian Pacheco Team

Anissa Andrews
Assistant Special Agent in Charge

Fred Bennett
Bureau of Indian Affairs

Robert Braun
Special Agent

Jaime Burkhalter
Legal Assistant

Matthew Charette
Special Agent in Charge

Justin Christman
Criminal Investigator

Tammy Farris
Paralegal

Lowell Floyd Jr
Forensic Computer Examiner

Derrick Franklin
Special Agent in Charge

Frank Goings
Blackfeet Law Enforcement Services

Lauren Hanover
Special Agent

Daniel Hoy
Investigative Analyst

Il Jeon
Assistant Special Agent in Charge

Erica Lane
USAO

Keri Leggett
Victim/Witness Specialist

Henry Luna
Special Agent

Curt Muller
Special Agent in Charge

Mike Oberlin
Criminal Investigator

Jose Pena
Detective, City of Mesa Police Dept

Alexander Perez
Forensic Computer Examiner

Justin Reedy
Criminal Investigator

Dimitra Sampson
USAO

Jennifer Spaulding
Special Agent

Jeffrey K. Starnes
USAO

Lori H. Suek
USAO

Tracy Van Buskirk
USAO

Charlie Wolf Tail
Blackfeet Law Enforcement Services

Sarah Wolf Tail
Blackfeet Tribal Homeland Security

In recognition of HHS OIG’s efforts to keep children safe by investigating and prosecuting two perpetrators of child sexual abuse who preyed upon children in HHS-funded programs
Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration
Operation Outsource

Dylan S. Critten
Special Agent

Kristofer R. Healey
Special Agent

Alan P. Keene
Special Agent

Dave A. Ramirez
Special Agent

In recognition of the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, the U.S.
Investigations for their efforts in combating impersonation-related fraud schemes

GLENN/ROTH AWARD FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE
U.S. Department of Education
Federal Student Aid Student Loan Servicer Oversight Audit Team

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Referencer

Gregory Bernert
Auditor

Brian Fern
Auditor

Nathan Gan
Auditor

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Auditor-in-Charge

Howard Sorensen
Assistant Counsel to the Inspector General

April White
Auditor

Gary Whitman
Regional Inspector General for Audit

In recognition of exemplary efforts that improved oversight of service providers to better
protect taxpayers, students, and led to Congress mandating the immediate execution of
recommendations to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of FSA programs
SENTER AWARD FOR DEDICATION AND COURAGE

U.S. Department of State

The Baghdad, Iraq Protective Movement Security Service Audit Team

Shanelle Jones
Management Analyst

Kelly Moon
Senior Management Analyst

Patricia Papas
Associate General Counsel

In recognition of uncommon selflessness, dedication to duty, courage, and exemplary oversight of a critical contract providing security for U.S. personnel in Iraq and identification of more than $4.6 million in monetary benefits

JUNE GIBBS BROWN CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Agency for International Development

Jonathan Schofield
Special Agent in Charge

In recognition of a lifetime of unwavering dedication and investigative excellence in the Federal oversight and accountability community

AWARD FOR INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISMENT

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Ross W. Weiland
Assistant Inspector General for Management and Planning

In recognition of exemplary performance at NASA OIG and remarkable collaboration in forming and serving as the first Chair of the Assistant Inspectors General for Management Committee
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Barry R. Snyder
Joint Award
U.S. Department of Justice
2018 revisions of the GAO/CIGIE Financial Audit Manual Team

Debra E. Alford  
*Technical Specialist*

Bobbie Bartz  
*Assistant Director*

Thomas Chin  
*Audit Manager*

Mark C. Jenson  
*Director*

Todd K. Jones  
*Audit Manager*

J. Greg Spencer  
*Director*

In recognition of outstanding contributions to the federal audit community by collaborating to revise and update the GAO/CIGIE Financial Audit Manual to ensure that it reflects current auditing standards for federal entities.
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Awards for Excellence
## Administrative Support Award for Excellence

**U.S. Department of Defense**  
DoD OIG Hiring Surge Team

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*Program Analyst*

Yosry Riad  
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Muslimah Shabazz  
*Human Resources Assistant*

In recognition of ingenuity, hard work, and exceptional performance in achieving the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General’s most productive hiring year since FY 2005

**AUDIT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE**

*Agency for International Development*  
*USAID OIG Public International Organization (PIO) Oversight Audit Team*

James Charlifue  
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*Audit Manager*

Megan Smith  
*Support Services Supervisor*

Donna Taper  
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Jacquis Taylor  
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Edward Wooten  
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Jacob Rutz  
*Lead Auditor*

Karen Sloan  
*Communications Officer*

David Thomanek  
*Audit Director*

Sai Ming Tina Wan  
*Audit Manager*

*In recognition of outstanding contributions made to conceptualize, plan, and effectively execute an audit of USAID’s funding of large multilateral public international organizations*

**U.S. Department of Agriculture**  
*Agroterrorism Preparedness Team*

Dorothy Alley  
*Senior Auditor, Office of Audit*

Karen Sloan  
*Communications Officer*

David Thomanek  
*Audit Director*

Sai Ming Tina Wan  
*Audit Manager*

*In recognition of the team’s outstanding efforts performing two detailed audits that recommended significant improvements to USDA’s emergency preparedness for agroterrorism prevention, detection, and response*

**Amtrak**  
*Amtrak Contract Oversight Audit Team*

Jana Brodsky  
*Audit Manager*

Candice Moreno  
*Auditor*

J.J. Marzullo  
*Senior Director*

Elizabeth Sherwood  
*Auditor*

*In recognition of audit work that identified critical changes to Amtrak’s contracting oversight process that will save millions of taxpayer dollars annually*
Amtrak

Drug and Alcohol Audit Team

Vijay Chheda
Senior Director

David Grossman
Audit Manager

In recognition of audit work identifying critical gaps in Amtrak’s process for detecting drug and alcohol use by employees working in safety-sensitive positions through the use of data analytics

U.S. Department of Defense

Fort Bliss Hospital Replacement Military Construction Project Audit Team

Kenneth Bansah
General Engineer

Cale Buxton
General Engineer

Deborah Culp
Program Director

Wendy Farrell
Editor

Jessica Gomez
Team Leader

Devonte Jones
Auditor

Timothy Lamb
Director, Technical Assessment Directorate

In recognition of audit team excellence in planning and conducting the statutorily required, “The Fort Bliss Hospital Replacement Military Construction Project,” DODIG-2018-125

U.S. Strategic Command Facility Construction Project Audit Team

Jeffrey Chittim
General Engineer

Deborah Culp
Program Director

Nicolena DeSantis
Team Leader

In recognition of audit work identifying critical gaps in Amtrak’s process for detecting drug and alcohol use by employees working in safety-sensitive positions through the use of data analytics
Benjamin Padilla-Atiles  
*Auditor*

Gwynne Roberts  
*Project Manager*

In recognition of demonstrated ingenuity and hard work in planning and conducting the statutorily required “U.S. Strategic Command Facility Construction Project”

**Understanding the Results of the DoD Financial Statement Audit**

Debra Alford  
*Technical Analyst*

Katherine Alvarez  
*Auditor*

Eric Broderius  
*Auditor*

Wendy Farrell  
*Editor*

Zachary Fitzpatrick  
*Auditor*

Paul Hadjiyane  
*Acting Deputy General Counsel*

Sarena Harper  
*Auditor*

In recognition of Understanding the Results of the Audit of the DoD FY 2018 Financial Statements

**U.S. Department of Education**

**Contractor Personnel Security Clearance Audit Team**

Nancy Buckheit  
*Statistician*

Kyle Hurley  
*Auditor-in-Charge*

Melanie Lake  
*Auditor-in-Charge*

Suzanne Lu  
*Computer Assisted Assessment Team Specialist*

In recognition of outstanding achievement in identifying a critical need for the U.S. Department of Education to improve its oversight of the contractor personnel security clearance process
In recognition of exemplary audit efforts that recommended elements characteristic of effective enterprise risk management that should be implemented to achieve objectives and reduce enterprise-level risks to an acceptable level.

Environmental Protection Agency
Flint, Michigan, Drinking Water Team

For outstanding effort and results in reviewing the circumstances of, and the EPA’s response to, the contamination in the city of Flint, Michigan’s water system, including the EPA’s exercise of its oversight authority.
### Federal Housing Finance Agency

**FHFA Network and System External Penetration Test Team**

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In recognition of an audit that found more than a third of sampled Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) employees subjected to a mock email phishing attack failed the test, and discovered other vulnerabilities in FHFA’s external network perimeter.

### U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

**Medicaid Eligibility Audit Team**

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In recognition of audits identifying significant vulnerabilities in and overpayments made because of incorrect eligibility determinations for new Medicaid beneficiaries.
Office of the Secretary Noncompliance with Government Travel Audit Team

Eyana Esters  
Senior Counsel

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Assistant Inspector General for Audit Services

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Assistant Regional Inspector General for Audit Services

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Jeffrey Stitz  
Assistant Director

In recognition of outstanding and timely efforts to identify wasted Federal funds related to the former Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services' Government travel

U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Accenture Hiring Contract

Michael Brunelle  
Auditor-in-Charge

Corneliu Buzesan  
Program Analyst

Ayana Henry  
Program Analyst

Shelley Howes  
Director

Lindsey Koch  
Communications Analyst

Bradley Mosher  
Audit Manager

Hope Wright  
Auditor

In recognition of the DHS OIG audit team's outstanding achievements in improving the integrity, efficiency, and effectiveness of CBP hiring operations

Border Patrol Needs a Staffing Model to Better Plan for Hiring More Agents

Corneliu Buzesan  
Program Analyst

Christopher Byerly  
Program Analyst

Peter Christopher  
Auditor-in-Charge

Kevin Dolloson  
Communications Analyst

Renee Foote  
Auditor-in-Charge

Christine Haynes  
Director
Darvy Khun  
Program Analyst

Brandon Landry  
Independent Referencer

Andrew Smith  
Audit Manager

Ryan Ten Eyck  
Program Analyst

In recognition of the audit team’s exemplary service and commendable effort in auditing the Border Patrol’s workforce staffing model, which led to proposed legislation requiring CBP to develop and implement models to enhance workforce effectiveness.

FEMA Did Not Safeguard Disaster Survivors’ Sensitive Personally Identifiable Information Audit Teams

Edward Brann  
Program Analyst

Lauren Bullis  
Auditor

Stefanie Holloway  
Auditor

David Kinard  
Auditor-in-Charge

Corinn King  
Auditor

Haidee Lai  
Auditor

James Lloyd  
Auditor-in-Charge

Keith Lutgen  
Program Analyst

Jessica Makowski  
Program Analyst

Daniel Malone  
Program Analyst

Deborah Mouton-Miller  
Communications Analyst

John Skrmetti  
Independent Report Referencer

Andrew Smith  
Audit Manager

Yest Starinsky  
Director

James Townsend  
Program Analyst

In recognition of exceptional efforts, which resulted in Management Alert - FEMA Did Not Safeguard Disaster Survivors’ Sensitive Personally Identifiable Information during audits of the FEMA Transitional Sheltering Assistance program and contract.

U.S. Department of Justice

FBI’s Management of Maritime Terrorism Threats Audit Team

David J. Gaschke  
Regional Audit Manager

Jasmine Prasad  
Auditor

Sean M. Relay  
Senior Policy Advisor

Stacey Scull  
Assistant Regional Audit Manager
Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency

Amy Sjerven  
Program Analyst

Gloria Tang  
Co-Auditor In Charge

In recognition of outstanding achievement in conducting an audit of the FBI's Management of Maritime Terrorism Threats

U.S. Department of Labor

EBSA Oversight of the Thrift Savings Plan Team

Nicholas Christopher  
Audit Director

Richard Donna, Jr.  
Senior Auditor

In recognition of exemplary work identifying weaknesses in EBSA's oversight of the Thrift Savings Plan, the world's largest retirement plan, and recommending increased protections for the half a trillion dollars in assets and five million participants

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

NASA's Management of the Space Launch System Stages Contract

Susan Bachle  
Matt Kelly

Mike Beims  
Frank Martin

Ridge Bowman  
Sarah McGrath

Director, Space Operations Directorate  
Robert Proudfoot  
Lead Auditor

Kevin Fagedes  
Project Manager

In recognition of exceptional achievement and outstanding teamwork in its review of NASA's Space Launch System (SLS) Stages Contract

National Science Foundation

Emma Bright  
Program Analyst

In recognition of Emma Bright's innovation and drive to improving audit efficiency by developing a text mining tool to enhance data mining and oversight of government programs

IPA Grant Audit Monitoring Team

Daniel Buchtel  
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Brittany Moon
Senior Auditor

In recognition of enhanced oversight of NSF awardees and throughout government by demonstrating exceptional
monitoring of external contractors, pioneering use of data analytics, and committed outreach to stakeholders

National Security Agency
Ashlea N. Gramstorff

Review Regarding the Designation of Individuals to Fill System Security Plan (SSP) Critical Roles

In recognition of an NSA OIG auditor’s exemplary accomplishments in conducting a detailed
analysis of NSA’s application of security controls to better protect national security systems

Audit of Award Fee Contracts
Jerry E. Kline
Senior Auditor

Gary L. Oken
Senior Auditor

In recognition of extraordinary efforts during the audit that questioned
$636 million in award fees associated with 54 contracts

Small Business Administration
Audit Team for SBA’s Oversight of 8(a) Continuing Eligibility Processes
Riccardo Buglisi
Director, Business Development Programs Group

Kara Burt
Analyst

Melanie Byrd
Analyst

Jennifer Taylor
Senior Writer-Editor

In recognition of excellence in identifying significant deficiencies in SBA’s oversight of 8(a) continuing eligibility
processes, including identifying $126 million in 8(a) set-aside contract obligations to ineligible firms

Audit Team for SBA’s Women-Owned Small Business Federal Contracting Program
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Director, Business Development Programs Group

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Analyst

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Senior Writer-Editor

In recognition of excellence in identifying significant deficiencies in SBA’s oversight and
management of the Women-owned Small Business Federal Contracting Program
Smithsonian Institution
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For exceptional performance in identifying and developing an enterprising approach that helped management fully recognize the risks facing Smithsonian's information technology systems

Smithsonian Institution Background Investigation Team

Joseph Benham
Auditor-in-Charge
Mary Dickerson
Auditor

Matthew Colebank
Auditor
Brian Lowe
Supervisory Auditor

In recognition of a high quality performance audit that identified significant improvements and cost savings in Smithsonian's background investigation program

Social Security Administration

Accuracy of Social Security Beneficiaries' Initial Month of Entitlement Team

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Senior Program Analyst
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Senior Auditor

James Klein
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Jack Trudel
Audit Manager

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In recognition of the Accuracy of Social Security Beneficiaries' Initial Month of Entitlement Team's three highly successful audits that identified $644 million in underpayments to 64,000 beneficiaries

SSI Integrity Team

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Senior Auditor

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Karis Crane
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In recognition of using its auditing, analytical, and research skills, as well as technology and knowledge of Social Security’s Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program, to identify thousands of recipients who were improperly paid millions of dollars.

Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction
Afghan Anti-Corruption Strategy Team

Christopher Borgeson
Senior Program Manager

Daniel Chen
Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Inspections

Scott Harmon
Deputy Assistant Director for Audits and Inspections

In recognition of excellence in assessing the Afghan government’s implementation of its national anti-corruption strategy and ministries’ action plans.

U.S. Department of State
The Baghdad Life Support Services Food Cost Controls Audit Team

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Patricia Papas
Associate General Counsel, Office of General Counsel

In recognition of exemplary oversight of a critical contract supporting Operation Inherent Resolve in Iraq and identifying more than $45 million in monetary benefits.
Tennessee Valley Authority
Capital Projects – Post Project Economic Assessment Review Team

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Auditor, Financial and Operational Audits

Rick L. Taylor  
Audit Manager, Financial and Operational Audits

In recognition of the team’s significant achievement in identifying issues related to TVA’s management of capital projects

Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration
Tax Cuts and Jobs Act Team

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Senior Auditor

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Senior Auditor

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Senior Auditor

Diana M. Tengesdal  
Director

In recognition of the outstanding achievement by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act Team in evaluating and reporting issues related to the IRS’ planning for and implementation of the first major tax reform in more than 30 years

TIGTA Office of Audit Review of Impact of Gig Economy on Self-Employment Tax Compliance

Carl L. Aley  
Audit Director

Joshua H. Perry  
Auditor

Nicole J. DeBernardi  
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Rick J. Viscusi  
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In recognition of the team’s extensive analysis of the gig economy’s impact on tax compliance which identified $524 million in unassessed taxes and demonstrated the need for the IRS to develop an overall tax compliance strategy in this area
U.S. Postal Service

Highway Contract Route Optimization Initiative Savings Calculation Methodology and Accuracy

Lien Chau
Auditor

Jie Chen
Auditor-in-Charge

Carmen Cook
Audit Director

In recognition of outstanding achievement in evaluating the U.S. Postal Service’s Highway Contract Route Optimization Cost Savings methodology and the accuracy of reported savings for FY 2017

Use of the Postal Service Network to Facilitate Illicit Drug Distribution/Opioids Safety Preparedness

Monique Colter
Auditor Director

Carmen Cook
Audit Director

Sherry Hildebrand
Acting Audit Director

Wesley McGill
Auditor-in-Charge

Lisa Nieman
Audit Director

In recognition of outstanding achievement in evaluating the Postal Service network’s vulnerability to being used for illicit drug distribution and assessing measures the Postal Service has implemented regarding opioid safety preparedness

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Bulk Payments Made under Patient-Centered Community Care/Veterans Choice Program Contracts Team

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Michael Kelly
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Richard Lane
Special Agent

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Solida Nhem
Management Analyst

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Management Analyst

Jason Reyes
Data Analyst
For contributions in identifying significant overpayments in the Veterans Choice Program and helping U.S. Attorneys' Offices in recovering millions of dollars for VA

Emergency Cache Program: Ineffective Management Impairs Mission Readiness Team

For outstanding efforts in identifying deficiencies with VA's Emergency Cache Program and millions of dollars from missing and expired drugs

VA's Oversight of State Approving Agency Program Monitoring for Post-9/11 GI Bill Students Team
Jimmy Sembiring
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Michael Tomasello
Auditor

For exceptional efforts in identifying improper payments related to inadequate oversight by VA and State Approving Agencies for veteran education and training

EVALUATIONS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Defense Intelligence Agency
DIA OIG Workplace Safety Evaluation Team

Melissa Folz
IG Inspector

Virna Villalobos-Griggs
IG Inspector - Team Lead

Dana McCauley
Project Manager

In recognition of evaluation excellence in improving management of OSHEC compliance from a corporate perspective, reducing risk from workplace injuries, and increasing visibility into employees located around the world

U.S. Department of Defense
Evaluations Navy-Congressional Team

LTC Robert Dixon
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Julie Kienitz
Sensitive Activities Program Director

Andrew Hoffman
Team Lead

Anthony Williams
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Dana Johnson
Project Manager

In recognition of the ingenuity, hard work, and exceptional performance during the Evaluation of the Department of the Navy’s Response to a Senate Armed Services Committee Report

Federal Housing Finance Agency
Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac CEO Compensation Evaluations Team

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Kyle D. Roberts
Deputy Inspector General for Evaluations

In recognition of exceptional work in the evaluation of the Federal Housing Finance Agency’s oversight of CEO compensation at Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
DHS OIG Family Separations Team

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Fernando DeLuna  
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Investigative Counsel

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Special Agent

In recognition of the report, Initial Observations Regarding Family Separation Issues Under the Zero Tolerance Policy, highlighting the significant challenges the Department of Homeland Security encountered during the Zero Tolerance Policy

ICE Does Not Fully Use Contracting Tools to Hold Detention Facility Contractors Accountable for Failing to Meet Performance Standards

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Senior Inspector

Ryan Nelson  
Independent Referencer

Inez Jordan  
Lead Inspector

Jason Wahl  
Senior Inspector

Tatyana Martell  
Chief Inspector

Christopher Zubowicz  
Assistant Counsel

In recognition of the team’s exceptional efforts to identify and address challenges in U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s ability to hold detention facility contractors accountable for failing to meet detention standards
U.S. Department of Justice
The Gender Equity in the Department’s Law Enforcement Components Review Team

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Program Analyst
Erin A. Lane
Deputy Assistant Inspector General
Donellen S. Schlosser
Senior Program Analyst
Princess Wasihun
Program Analyst

In recognition of exemplary work assessing the perceptions of gender equity in the Department of Justice’s law enforcement components that resulted in improvements in the Department’s recruiting, hiring, mentoring, and promotion practices and EEO program

National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Management of NASA’s Heliophysics Mission Portfolio

Adrian Dupree
Project Manager
Abtin Forghani
Sarah McGrath
Raymond Tolomeo
Director, Science and Aeronautics Research Directorate

In recognition of exceptional performance reviewing NASA’s portfolio of 31 missions focused on studying the sun and its effects upon earth's climate, electrical systems, and the solar system

National Security Agency
Special Study of NSA Controls to Comply with Signals Intelligence Retention Requirements

Deborah L. Campbell
Senior Auditor
Curt A. Muffley
Senior Auditor

In recognition of the exemplary accomplishments by the NSA OIG’s SIGINT Retention Requirements evaluation team in assessing NSA’s compliance with the requirements for aging of data collected under EO 12333 and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance

U.S. Department of State
National Passport Center Inspection Team

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The Calder
Senior Inspector, Office of Inspections
Susan Elliott
Team Leader, Office of Inspections
Todd Fontaine
Deputy Team Leader, Office of Inspections
Tanya Manglona
Senior Inspector, Office of Inspections
Derwood Staeben
Inspector, Office of Inspections

For exemplary performance conducting a targeted review of leadership and management at the National Passport Center that identified significant and systemic deficiencies
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Review of Denied Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Claims Related to Military Sexual Trauma Team

KayCee Adams
Benefits Inspector

John Bahrenburg
Benefits Inspector

Steve Bracci
Director

Nakeshia Dent
Benefits Inspector

Robert Grooms
Benefits Inspector

Jody Hadley
Benefits Inspector

In recognition of exceptional work in identifying improperly denied veterans' claims related to military sexual trauma

Review of Pain Management Services in Veterans Health Administration Facilities Inspection Team

Felicia Burke
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Director

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Statistician

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Judy Montano
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Amy Valkanos
Associate Director

Thomas Wong
Senior Physician

Robert Yang
Medical Director

Jarvis Yu
Management and Program Analyst

In recognition of outstanding efforts to improve VA's patient care and safety through a review of pain management and substance abuse treatment
GOVERNMENT ETHICS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Federal Housing Finance Agency

Administrative Inquiry into Misconduct by a Former Agency Head Team

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Richard Parker
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Kyle Roberts
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Assistant Inspector General for Audits

Laura Wertheimer
Inspector General

In recognition of exemplary work in conducting an inquiry into allegations of misconduct by the then-Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Federal Reserve Board

The Board Can Strengthen Information Technology Governance

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Andrew Gibson
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Rebecca Kenyon
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Brent Melson
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Associate Inspector General for Information Technology

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In recognition of significant improvements to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System's (Board) information security program, privacy program, and accounting and financial reporting

Social Security Administration

The Internet Social Security Claims System Team

Jeffrey Brown
Director

Vickie Choy
Manager

Andrew Hanks
Senior Analyst

Carol Johnson
Senior Auditor

James Klein
Director

Mary Ellen Moyer
Manager
In recognition of compelling the Social Security Administration (SSA) to strengthen its controls to prevent and detect fraudulent benefit claims filed on the Agency’s public-facing website

**AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE INVESTIGATION**

**Agency for International Development**

**USAID OIG Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) Team**

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Investigative Analyst

In recognition of exemplary efforts investigating U.S. foreign assistance to Syrians

**U.S. Department of Agriculture**

**Allegations of Sexual Assault**

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In recognition of exemplary dedication and investigative expediency associated with allegations of sexual assault against female staff members by a GS-15 USDA, ARS Research Chemist
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Timothy Abraham
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Steven Flick
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Kurt Lunkenheimer
Assistant United States Attorney, United States Attorney's Office

In recognition of the coordinated efforts by Federal, State, and local agencies to successfully investigate one of the largest SNAP fraud schemes in U.S. history

U.S. Department of Defense
1ST Class Sleep Diagnostics, Inc. Investigative Team

Stephanie Anderson
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In recognition of outstanding efforts and contributions related to the successful multi-agency criminal investigation and prosecution of multiple defendants.

**South Korean Oil Companies Investigative Team**

*Kevin Lowell*
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*Special Agent – DCIS*

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*In recognition of the investigation of South Korean oil companies for bid-rigging and fraud that targeted Department of Defense installations in South Korea.*
In recognition of exemplary investigative efforts resulting in the prosecution of the former financial aid director of Columbia University Teachers College and four co-conspirators for their roles in a $2 million fraud scam.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Health Management Associates, Inc. (HMA) National Project Team

In recognition of valiant efforts to send a clear message that financial motivations influencing doctors to unnecessarily admit elderly patients to hospitals will not be tolerated.
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Investigation of the New York City Department of Transportation

Jessica Heegan  
Inspector General, New York City Department of Investigation  

Tiffany Ingraham  
Assistant Inspector General, New York City Department of Investigation  

Jessica Hu  

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Special Agent, DHS OIG  

In recognition of the multi-agency investigative team, consisting of the DHS OIG; the United States Attorney's Office, SDNY; and the New York City Department of Investigation, which resulted in the recovery of $8,500,000 in Federal funds.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
New York City Housing Authority Health and Safety Investigation

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This award is given in recognition of the teams outstanding efforts to ensure decent, safe, and sanitary living conditions are being provided by the nation’s largest public housing authority by uncovering unprecedented levels of fraud, waste, and abuse.

U.S. Department of Justice
Rule 35 Investigation Team

Anne McNamara  
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Special Agent  

Tracy Masington  
Special Agent  

Robert L. Rawls  
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Rose A. Medina  
Special Agent  

In recognition of their exemplary work in uncovering and disrupting a complex fraud scheme that obtained millions of dollars in payments from federal inmates and their families for falsely promising assistance in obtaining a Rule 35 sentencing reduction.
U.S. Department of Labor
William Worthy et al. Investigative Team

Sharon Bell  
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Assistant United States Attorney, DOJ

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Postal Inspector, USPS

Susan McDavitt  
Special Agent, DOJ

Holley Morris  
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In recognition of exemplary teamwork in the investigation of a national health care fraud scheme, resulting in $6.5 million in restitution and 300 months of incarceration for defendants who swindled 17,000 victims out of purported health care benefits

National Aeronautics and Space Administration
SAPA Investigation Team

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Michael Tingle  
DOJ

Thomas Hall  
DOJ

Bryan Tucker  
NASA

Greg Harrigan  
NASA

In recognition of exceptional efforts in combating fraud in the production and certification of critical aerospace components used in the nation’s space and missile defense programs
National Science Foundation
Investigation and Prosecution Team (Wen/Zhang, National Technology Development L.L.C.)

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Grace Carducci  
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Fara Damelin  
Investigative Attorney (NSF OIG, now CNCS OIG)

Rebecca Freund  
Special Agent (DOE OIG)

Craig Furey  
Special Agent (DOT OIG, now retired)

Ryan Fussell  
Special Agent (DOE OIG)

In recognition of the outstanding commitment, dedication, initiative, and teamwork demonstrated in the successful investigation and prosecution of Bin “Ben” Wen, Peng “Jessica” Zhang, and National Technology Development L.L.C.

Small Business Administration
Joseph Garrison; Tyler Texas Lodging, LLC Investigative Team

Rachel Hart  
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Ryan Locker  
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In recognition of outstanding collaboration between multiple agencies resulting in the successful prosecution of three defendants who engaged in a straw purchaser scheme to fraudulently obtain federally guaranteed loans in excess of $6.6 million

Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction
Afghan Contract Fraud and Kickback Scheme Investigation Team

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In recognition of outstanding team performance of multiple law enforcement agencies and legal sections working in parallel criminal, civil, and administrative proceedings that resulted in forfeiture of over $25 million and several debarments for 20 years

**Special Inspector General for Troubled Asset Relief Program**

**Award of Excellence - Investigations – Wilmington Trust Corporation**

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In recognition of the Outstanding Investigation of a Failed TARP Financial Institution

### U.S. Department of State

**International Child Exploitation Investigation Team**

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Whitney Russell  
*Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of Virginia*

Sean Clark  
*Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington Field Office*

In recognition of exemplary investigative efforts and forensic analysis that led to a guilty plea and a 26-year sentence for production of child pornography

### U.S. Postal Service

**Public Corruption involving Atlanta Postal Workers**

Garrett L. Bradford  
*AUSA, Northern District of Georgia*

Dominick Delmastro  
*Special Agent, USPS OIG*

In recognition of outstanding collaboration and investigative efforts related to a highly complex investigation implicating 16 postal employees involved in a conspiracy to intercept and deliver narcotics parcels in exchange for cash payments

### U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

**Post 9/11 GI Bill Fraud Criminal Investigative Team**

John Carlo  
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Brian Conklin  
*Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation*

James Eagleeye  
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David Eskew  
*Assistant United States Attorney’s Office*

Doris Plaza  
*Special Agent, Education OIG*

Stephen Sweetman  
*Special Agent*

Jenny Walenta  
*Resident Agent in Charge*

For exceptional investigative work leading to multiple GI Bill fraud prosecutions and a global review of educational institutes and Programs
AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE LAW AND LEGISLATION
U.S. Department of State
Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act Recovery Team

Katrice Mueller
Law Office Manager, Office of General Counsel

Linette Romer
Associate General Counsel, Office of General Counsel

In recognition of efforts over the past 3 years that have reinvigorated the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE MANAGEMENT
Corporation for National and Community Service

Carol M. Bates
Former Inspector General, AOC-OIG and AIGA, CNCS-OIG

In recognition of significant contributions of Mrs. Carol M. Bates in sustaining the missions of the Architect of the Capitol and the Corporation for National and Community Service, Offices of Inspector General

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Christi Grimm
Chief of Staff

In recognition of Ms. Grimm’s outstanding management efforts to revolutionize HHS OIG’s work planning process through the creation of the Engagement Committee and living Work Plan

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE MULTIPLE DISCIPLINES
U.S. Department of Agriculture
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