



2025 CIGIE Awards

Alexander Hamilton Award

Department of Homeland Security OIG DHS' Challenges Monitoring Unaccompanied Alien Children

Craig Adelman
Christine Meehan
Kristine Odiña
Vera Cropp
Gabriela Ayala
Mark Lonetto
Tom Hamlin
Curtis Watkins
Gaven Ehrlich
James Lazarus

In recognition of the team's outstanding efforts to improve U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) operations and strengthen the Federal Government's oversight of Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC) after their release or transfer from DHS custody.

Department of Justice OIG The Investigative and Prosecution Team Responsible for Exposing Systemic Inmate Sexual Abuse Occurring at the Federal Correctional Institution in Dublin, California.

DOJ OIG

Jennifer Serino
Dena Crowe
Robert Kaczowka
Tiara Wuethrich
Christopher Howard
Jeremy Hunt
Adam Miles

FBI

Mario Delgado
Katherine Barclay
Carly Rasiewicz
Regina Coffee
Marc Songsanand
Daudshah Andish

DOJ

Fara Gold
Katie Medearis
Molly Priedeman
Andrew Paulson
Alethea Sargent
Sailaja Paidipaty

In recognition of the investigative and prosecution team who exposed pervasive sexual abuse of inmates at FCI Dublin, resulting to date in 9 criminal convictions of prison staff, including of the Warden and Chaplain, and closure of the facility.

Gaston L. Gianni, Jr. Better Government Award

U.S. Postal Service OIG Integrated Data Efforts During the 2024 General Election

Greg Williams
Lindsey Weishaar
Joseph Starks
Tim Cole
Bao Nguyen
Haiyang Li
Manuel Rivera
Geoff Guska
Stephen Pizinger
Ted Davey

In recognition of the teams' outstanding efforts and use of integrated data and just-in-time reporting to enhance the Postal Service's responsiveness in delivering mail-in ballots during the 2024 general election.

Glenn/Roth Award for Exemplary Service

Peace Corps OIG CIGIE Legislation Committee Team for the 118th Congress on AFCA

DOJ OIG
Adam Miles

PRAC
Lisa Reijula

Peace Corps OIG
Ranju Shrestha
Kevin Wright

FCC OIG
Travis Farris

HUD OIG
Christopher Fontanesi

DOI OIG
Jennifer Haliski

OPM OIG
Faiza Mathon-Mathieu

In recognition of the CIGIE Legislation Committee Team's excellence in providing technical assistance to Congress in support of the Administrative False Claims Act.

Barry R. Snyder Joint Award

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation OIG CIGIE Monetary Impact Working Group

DOI OIG

Alan Skerl
Amy Billings
Troy Dopke

HHS OIG

Alice Townsend
Joe Chiarenzelli
Lucia Fort

USPS OIG

Amanda Stafford
Kelly Thresher
Lauri Kay

DOJ OIG

Andrew Germain
Carol Taraszka
Jason Malmstrom
Mark Hayes
Wendy Bradbury

State OIG

Gayle Voshell

SIGAR

George Buzby
Jacob Duty

DOD OIG

Betronnie Williams
Brett Mansfield
Diane Stetler
Edward Van Why
Eric Thacker
Michael Baker
Mike Guagliano
Steven Santiago
Stephanie Fink

AmeriCorps OIG

Selena Vidale

SEC OIG

Sharice Cole

DHS OIG

Vonda Batts

Amtrak OIG

Cheryl Chambers
Whitney Miller

VA OIG

Christopher Kinney
Juliana Figueiredo
Michael Martin
Michelle Emigh
Teena Propst

EPA OIG

Jerri Dorsey-Hall
Michael Petscavage
Renee McGhee-Lenart

SSA OIG

Judith Oliveira
Kristen Schnatterly

HUD OIG

Justin Grzyb

USAID OIG

Karla Hasbun
Tim Lamping
Toayoa Aldridge

USDA OIG

Keith Sproue
Steven Lureau
Yarisis Rivera-Rojas

FDIC OIG

Luke Itnyre
Stacey Luck
Terry Gibson

ARC OIG

Rhonda Turnbow

In recognition of outstanding collaboration across the OIG community and developing a significant resource to aid all OIGs in the consideration, estimation, and reporting of monetary impact identified from their audit, inspection, and evaluation efforts.

Award for Individual Accomplishment

Andrew Beggs
Department of Commerce OIG

In recognition of individual achievement for outstanding audit project management, technical competency, and innovation on the biennial audit of the Department of Commerce's compliance with Geospatial Data Act requirements.

June Gibbs Brown Career Achievement Award

Gladis Griffith
International Development Finance Corporation OIG

In recognition of service to the Inspector General community for more than 30 years while serving as a leader, mentor, trusted colleague, and friend at USAID OIG, Dept of State OIG, USPS OIG, and DFC OIG.

Sentner Award for Dedication and Courage

GSA OIG Special Agent
General Services Administration OIG

In recognition of a GSA OIG special agent's heroism for thwarting an active shooter who, while armed with a rifle, killed two innocent people and was continuing his attack. The special agent stopped the threat before more lives were lost.

Award for Excellence

Audit

Agency for International Development OIG USAID OIG Energy Activities in Ukraine Audit Team

Louis Duncan Jr.
Meredith Howell
Alexandra Morgan
Nathan Helman
Alejandro Jaca-Mendez
Gilbert Kim
Tovah Rom
Fritz Swartzbaugh

In recognition of outstanding audit work examining the U.S. government's efforts to support Ukraine's energy sector following the Russian invasion with recommendations to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of these efforts.

Department of Agriculture OIG Audit of the Foreign Agricultural Service's Controls Group

Victoria Fontenot
Samantha Quebec
Gong "Tracy" Yu
Oscar Midence
Adel Hernandez
Ricardo Rosales
Ilana Kerner

In recognition of outstanding auditing efforts that uncovered multiple deficiencies when auditing the McGovern-Dole Program, resulting in 10 recommendations to improve program administration and a monetary impact of more than \$186 million.

Amtrak OIG Amtrak OIG Long Distance Fleet Replacement Audit Team

Melissa Hermes
Andrew W. Mollohan
Rachel Powell
Kristina Sladek
Aida Woldegiorgis
Alison O'Neill
Nadine Bennett

In recognition of excellence in identifying significant risks to Amtrak's largest train purchase in its history—the \$4B long distance fleet replacement—which triggered Amtrak to adopt a simpler, faster, and more fiscally responsible procurement.

**Department of Commerce OIG
Commerce OIG Audit Team for NOAA Hurricane Warning and Forecasting**

Kevin Ryan
Frank Tersigni
Stephen Davis
Lindsay Fennewald
Michael Holmes
Emma Artner
Sheldon Waugh
Hana Carney
Travis Tougaw

In recognition of significant audit results and technical skill in assessing National Weather Service progress toward improving hurricane forecasts and warnings.

**Defense Intelligence Agency OIG
Artificial Intelligence (AI) Audit Team**

David Staley
Kristoffer Hull
Yuliya Edwards
Brima Bangura
Jennifer Antonetti
Shea Feltner
Josee Reed
Kiara Johnson
Herminio Irizarry-Munoz
Charles Grauze

In recognition of exceptional oversight that provided DIA leadership and Congress with critical insights into the strategic development of secure artificial intelligence capabilities to advance DIA missions.

**Department of Defense OIG
Audit of the DoD's Execution of Funds to Assist Ukraine**

Brett Mansfield	Jonathan McPeak
Janet Stallings	Kendra Gembala
Lorin Venable	Jessica Gentry
Jonathan Kistler	Zechariah Dubel
Jamie Vandesteene	Suzannah Smith
Melissa Thiery	Cole Bradburn
Mackenzie Hayes	Alec Hite

In recognition of the audit team's outstanding achievements in improving the integrity, efficiency, and effectiveness of the DoD's financial operations through its oversight of the DoD's execution of the Ukraine Supplemental funds.

Department of Defense OIG

Review of DoD Funds Provided to the People’s Republic of China and Associated Affiliates for Research Activities or Any Foreign Countries for the Enhancement of Pathogens of Pandemic Potential

DOD OIG

Brett Mansfield
Janet Stallings
Lorin Venable
Jonathan Kistler
Craig Michaels
Ted Paulson
Lt. Col. William Cho
Gregory Mennetti
Beverly Smythe
Melinda Davenport
Kobi Eberly
Jonathan Beeman
Kayte Curtin
Henry Barton
MAJ James Thomas
Christopher Tischer
Sharon Parr

Congressional Research Service

Bryce Mendez

HHS OIG

Michael Barton
Sheri Fulcher
Allen Burbey
Jeffrey Stitz
JaNelle Thompson

GAO

Candice Wright
Farahnaaz Khakoo-Mausel

VA OIG

Jennifer Baptiste
Patrice Macarelli

In recognition of the team's cooperative efforts, completed in under 180 days, that led to the identification of critical shortcomings in the DoD's system for tracking DoD funded pathogen research.

Environmental Protection Agency OIG

EPA OIG’s Clean School Bus Program Audit Team

Kevin Collins
Kevin Kennedy
Nicholas Koons
Gabriel Porras-Sanchez
Jarrett Rickerds
Khadija Walker
Damon Jackson
Demetrios Papakonstantinou
Shane Brown
Elizabeth Brinson
Shannon Cable
Edgar Dumeng
Amir Eskarous
Robert Evans
Robert Hairston

Tanishia Heilig
Jennifer Hutkoff
Sheree James
Carol Kwok
Ethel Lowery
Sheila May
Joshua Rodriguez
Connie Song
Wendy Swan
Ryan Watren
Vincent Campbell
Nancy Dao
Joseph Van Hook
Gina Ross
Scott Sammons

In recognition of the collective effort of EPA OIG financial, information technology, and performance auditors to identify systemic internal control weaknesses and \$828 million in monetary impact related to the EPA's Clean School Bus Program.

**Export-Import Bank of the U.S. OIG
Enhanced Personnel Security Audit Team**

Eric Rivera
Jaquone Miller
Claudia Muñoz

In recognition of the team's identification of deficiencies in the agency's personnel security program, resulting in six recommendations and the identification of over \$300,000 of funds put to better use.

**Federal Housing Finance Agency OIG
FHFA Network and Systems Internal Penetration Test Team**

Abdil Salah
Zachary Lewkowicz
Brian Prisbe

In recognition of their groundbreaking audit that exposed severe vulnerabilities in FHFA's network and systems, preventing potential catastrophic breaches from malicious actors.

**Department of Health & Human Services OIG
FDA Infant Formula Recall Audit Team**

Curtis Roy
Gregory Daigle
Jeremy Cyran
Robert Proscia
Daniel Sullivan
Richard Johnson
Jeffrey Stitz

Lauren Mackin
Peter Tashenberger
Sandra DePaulis
Julie Taitzman
Melissa Louis
Mackenzie Lawrence
Jessica Swanstrom

In recognition of the audit that found vulnerabilities in the Food and Drug Administration's ability to detect and respond to risks to the infant formula supply that feeds nearly half of the 3.5 million infants born annually in the United States.

**Department of Homeland Security OIG
Oversight of Declared Disasters**

Yesenia Starinsky
Katrina Burpo
Alfonso Dallas, Jr.
Gave Ehrlich
Maufrend Ruiz
Maria Romstedt

Michael Scoffone
Larry Arnold
John Skrmetti
Johnson Joseph
Corinn King
Kristen Connor

In recognition of an audit that immediately alerted the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) of billions it could have deobligated and returned to the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF) to provide lifesaving and life-sustaining relief for current disasters.

**Department of Homeland Security OIG
Releasing Noncitizens without Identification**

Robert Greene
Sharon Johnson
Gregory Scott Crissey
Junior Correa
Jeffrey Whitaker
Sabine Osirus
Thomas Hamlin
Juan Santana

In recognition of the team's exemplary work to identify significant security gaps in DHS' admission process that allowed aliens without identification to enter the country and fly domestically.

**Department of the Interior OIG
Federal Oil and Gas Bankruptcy Team**

Amy Billings
Joseph Randolph
Belinda Thorstensen
Jennifer Wilbers
Mason Ray
Deanna Masterson
Ryan Mock

In recognition of exemplary audit work that identified systemic weaknesses across four DOI bureaus and produced 21 recommendations to strengthen internal controls, improve bankruptcy oversight, and safeguard billions in taxpayer resources.

**Department of Justice OIG
Audit Team for the Audit of the FBI's Handling of Hands-on Sex Offenses Against Children**

Dirk Schumacher
Joel Stitt
Jennifer Ansley
Scott Cymbor

In recognition of the audit team's exemplary efforts in identifying detrimental lapses in FBI Special Agents' adherence to important protocols designed to protect children from hands-on sexual abuse and trafficking.

**Department of Labor OIG
Disaster Dislocated Worker Grants Team Award**

Michael Elliott
Jesselyn Hamilton
LaKeisha Jones
Ning Kang
Elisa LaRosa
Alisa Reff
Nicole Tehrani
Jennifer Varvel
Barry Weiss
Steven Witherspoon
Cardelia Yan

In recognition of the team's exceptional work in identifying significant weaknesses in disaster response coordination and strengthening oversight and compliance to ensure assistance reaches communities impacted by natural disasters.

**National Aeronautics and Space Administration OIG
Commercial Lunar Payload Services Initiative Audit Team**

Ray Tolomeo
Stephen Siu
Jeremy Brown
Courtney Daniels
Adhana Davis
Jiang Yun Lu
Frank Martin
Marshal Pennock

In recognition of exceptional achievement and outstanding teamwork in identifying the significant challenges that will hinder NASA's ability to meet the CLPS initiative objectives, including aggressive lunar lander delivery schedules and rising costs.

**National Aeronautics and Space Administration OIG
International Space Station Operations Audit Team**

Ridge Bowman
Jamie Smith
Amy Bannister
Anna David
Tommy Dodd
Joel Rodriguez
Lauren Suls
Amanda Perry
Gabi Novark
Jacob Luevanos

In recognition of exceptional achievement and outstanding teamwork in reviewing NASA's management of risks to sustaining International Space Station operations through 2030.

**National Science Foundation OIG
Audit of NSF's Administratively Determined Pay System Audit Team**

Theresa Hull
Ken Lish
Jeanette Hyatt
Keith Nackerud
Jennifer Kendrick

In recognition of the team's outstanding accomplishments in identifying salary payments to National Science Foundation employees that exceeded statutory thresholds and weaknesses in NSF's administratively determined pay system.

**Small Business Administration OIG and Department of Labor OIG
COVID-19: Data Sharing Project Finds Billions Paid to Same Likely Fraudsters Under
Both the Unemployment Insurance and Economic Injury Disaster Loan Programs, Report
25-06**

DOL OIG

Lawrence Alli
Dennis Asante
Tim Eagle
Jonathan Heinz
Carla Orvis Hunt
Daphne Jones
LaKeisha Jones
Michael Kostrzewa
Charmane Miller
Le Nguyen
Reed Rubey

SBA OIG

Samuel 'Sam' Bronson
Mona D'Amore
Marvin Houle
Sharon Leffel
Christopher 'Chris' McGraw
John Provan
Courtney Schlieter

In recognition of excellence in executing a joint project with Department of Labor and Small Business Administration OIGs that identified billions paid to the same likely fraudsters under DOL's Unemployment Insurance and SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan programs.

**Small Business Administration OIG
SBA's Oversight of Non-Bank Lenders and Third-Party Service Providers Associated with
PPP Loans, Report Number 25-04**

Teresa Gray
Ronald "Ron" Waller
Steven Grubb
Zakir Khattak
Elisheva Sachs
Jennifer Wolny

In recognition of the team's exemplary performance in determining the extent of non-bank lender and third-party service provider involvement in making PPP loans and identifying \$14.2 billion in suspected fraudulent PPP loans made by non-bank lenders.

**Social Security Administration OIG
Social Security Administration, Office of the Inspector General, Office of Audit, Death
Reporting**

Hollie Calhoun
Shelley Guimond
Jennifer Storz

In recognition of the audit team's comprehensive analysis that identified weaknesses in the Social Security Administration's death report processing systems and uncovered over \$327 million improper payments issued to deceased beneficiaries.

**Department of Transportation OIG
Assessing Competition in Highway Procurement Audit Team**

Betty Krier
Nagwa Khordagui
Joao Macieira
Jerrod Sharpe
Brad Shrago
Michael Wharff
Audre Azuolas
Jane Lusaka
Seth Kaufman
Celeste Verchota

In recognition of exemplary efforts to identify potential anticompetitive bidding in Federal aid highway projects.

**Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration
Unreported Gambling Winnings Income Team**

Robert Jenness
Tina Fitzsimmons
Curtis Kirschner
Charles Nall
Thomas Lipski

In recognition of the team's exemplary work identifying taxpayers with significant gambling winnings who did not file income tax returns over a three-year period which could potentially increase revenue by over \$1.3 billion.

**Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration
Employee Retention Credit Audit Team**

Linna Hung
Jeffrey Cullum
Jackie Durrant
Van Warmke
Hee Koo Kang
Sandy Ramos

In recognition of the Team's exemplary work evaluating and reporting issues related to the Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) efforts to ensure the accuracy of Employee Retention Credit (ERC) claims and to prevent or recover millions in improper payments.

**U.S. Postal Service OIG
Postal Service Oversight of Parcel Select**

Heidi Einsweiler
Matthew Miller
Robert Burghhart III
Deborah Jameson
Bryant Switzky

In recognition of the Audit team's exemplary efforts to assess the Postal Service's contractual and revenue controls for its largest product, identifying critical weaknesses that led to hundreds of millions of dollars in lost revenue.

**United States Capitol Police OIG
Performance Audit of the United States Capitol Police Office of Logistical Services**

Gabrielle Brillhart

In recognition of USCP OIG's performance audit of the Office of Logistical Services which resulted in enhancements to 16 individual USCP policies and procedures leading to strengthened protections for USCP sworn officers and civilian employees.

**Department of Veterans Affairs OIG
Community Care Network Payments Oversight Team**

Jennifer McDonald
Chris Enders
Kalli Anello
Jamel Brown
Jordan Caturia
Lila Davis
Hope Favreau
Vassili Khristoforov
Khaliah McLaurin
Bill Warhop

In recognition of outstanding efforts to identify about \$1.1 billion in overpayments made by VA for healthcare and dental services provided through the Community Care Program.

**Department of Veterans Affairs OIG
VA Electronic Health Record Modernization Oversight Team**

Jessica Blake	Cecilia Shim
Quentien Brewington	Nancy Soto
Cynthia Christian	Allison Tarmann
Angela Ferguson	Laurence Adair
Benjamin Howe	Michael Martin
Ryan Mols	Charlma Quarles

In recognition of the team's extraordinary efforts to identify and bring to light significant weaknesses in the management of major performance incidents affecting VA's new electronic health record system.

**Department of Veterans Affairs OIG
Unauthorized Community Care Dental Procedures Oversight Team**

Janet Mah
Kelly Perry
Jesse Moyer
Daniel Rico
Andrea Salas
Leslie Yuri
Rachel Stroup
Ruoqing (Rachelle) Wang-Cendejas
Kotwoallama Doyle-Zerbo

In recognition of superior work identifying \$325.5 million in improper payments that VA will make for unauthorized dental procedures during fiscal years 2022–2025 unless controls are strengthened to detect and prevent such payments.

Employee Integrity

Environmental Protection Agency OIG Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics Retaliation Investigation Team

Sheryl Golkow
Kristin Kafka
Andrew Lavenburg
Mark Miller
Brenda Vazquez-Fuentes

In recognition of outstanding investigative work that identified multiple senior OPPT managers who retaliated against EPA whistleblowers for raising scientific disagreements in chemical assessments and engaging in protected activity.

Evaluations

Agency for International Development OIG USAID OIG Emergency Food Assistance in Ethiopia Evaluation Team

Amy Burns
David Stephens
Benjamin August
Christian Krog
Tovah Rom

In recognition of exceptional efforts to collaborate with Investigations to evaluate gaps in USAID's administration of emergency assistance awards, which limited the Agency's ability to detect widespread food diversion in Ethiopia.

Agency for International Development OIG USAID OIG Joint Logistics Over-the-Shore Maritime Corridor Evaluation Team

Amy Burns
Rameeth Hundle
Rachel Holub
Emily Laur
Megan (Calista) MacHarrie
Cyrelle White
Jane Lusaka

In recognition of exceptional cross-divisional coordination, teamwork, and innovation in rapidly producing a high-impact, Blue Book-standard evaluation and companion video on humanitarian assistance to Gaza through the JLOTS corridor—delivered in just nine weeks.

**Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation OIG
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's Sexual Harassment Prevention Program
Evaluation Team**

Lisa Conner
Melissa Mulhollen
Wendy Alvarado
Ebonyee Brincefield
Philip Hodge

Stacey Luck
Sharon Tushin
Jeffrey Cheung
Jane Kim
Shakhan Simmons

In recognition of promoting significant improvements in the FDIC's sexual harassment program, resulting in 24 recommendations to facilitate reporting and promptly and appropriately addressing sexual harassment allegations.

**Department of Health & Human Services OIG
Identification of Missing Information to Monitor Maltreatment in Residential Facilities for
Children in Foster Care**

Abbi Warmker
Mollee Schoen
Sarah Smith
Dana Squires
Brian Whitley
Jennifer Gist
Melissa Rumley
Katherine Harris
Diana Merelman

In recognition of exceptional recommended improvements to monitor the incidence and prevalence of abuse and neglect in foster care residential treatment facilities to better protect children from harm.

**Department of Homeland Security OIG
Vulnerabilities within CBP One™ Application**

John Shiffer
Michael Nasuti
Erika Algeo
Brett Cheney
Brendan Bacon
Dorie Chang
Jason Dominguez
Joseph Sanchez

In recognition of the DHS OIG team's outstanding work to strengthen the Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) pre-arrival vetting procedures and mitigate vulnerabilities within the CBP One™ mobile application.

**National Aeronautics and Space Administration OIG
Artemis II Crewed Mission to Lunar Orbit Audit Team**

Ridge Bowman
Deanna Lee
Kelsey Dalton
Antonia Islas
Sarah McGrath
Dimitra Tsamis
Amanda Perry
Cody Bryant
Shani Dennis

In recognition of exceptional achievement and outstanding teamwork in examining NASA's readiness for the Artemis II crewed mission to lunar orbit.

**Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration
Internal Revenue Service Practitioner Priority Service Telephone Line Scheme**

Debra Kisler
Jeffrey Stieritz
Michael Bibler

In recognition of TIGTA's evaluation team identifying a \$47 million fraud scheme involving the IRS Practitioner Priority Telephone Line.

**U.S. Postal Service OIG
USPS OIG's Analysis into the U.S. Postal Model and its Impact on the Future Viability of the Postal Service**

Aaron Anfinson
Tristan Dreisbach
David Neu
John-Philippe Ducasse
John Althen

In recognition of a series of three white papers providing in-depth analysis of the challenges and opportunities of America's postal model and insightful benchmarking analysis of the U.S. with international posts and postal markets.

**Department of Veterans Affairs OIG
Teams for Reviews of VBA's and VHA's Claimed Funding Shortfalls for Serving Veterans**

Gregory Gladhill
Lance Kramer
Tesia Basso
Heather Jones
Kamilah Bady
Zac Beres
Evelyn Brooker
Chau Bui
Anita Rizuto
Jimmy Sembiring
Scott Smith
Juliana Figueiredo
Khaliah McLaurin
Martha Plotkin
Jill Russell
Rachel Stroup

Jennifer McDonald
Daniel Morris
Dave Orfaea
Andrea Sandoval
Ryan Becker
Ryan Bryner
Sabrina Gregory
Kaneshia McGee
Shayna Saldana
Grisbell Soto
Jill Talbot
Monica Vega Morales
Kristen Clark
Bill Warhop
Domingo Alvarez
Lisette Howells

In recognition of exemplary efforts to respond to congressional calls for the VA OIG to identify the causes of VA requests for billions of dollars in supplemental funding.

**Department of Veterans Affairs OIG
VA OIG Teams Who Identified Vietnam Veterans Who Could Qualify for Retroactive Benefits and Delays that Occurred in Some Veterans' Benefits Claims While Awaiting Decision**

Dana Sullivan
Brett Byrd
Jeff Myers
Elyce Girouard
Gregory Nelson
Despina Saeger
Michele Stratton
Richard Johnson
Stephanie Hubbard

Kaitlin Archuleta
Claudia Wellborn
Michael Soybel
Trang Bui
Kendal Ferguson
Victor Rhee
Jill Russell
Ruoqing (Rachelle) Wang-Cendejas

In recognition of exceptional work that improved VA claims processing, reduced delays for thousands of Vietnam-era veterans, identified \$1 billion in potential benefits, and strengthened internal controls to ensure timely access to earned benefits.

**Department of Veterans Affairs OIG
Team for Review of Decision Accuracy for Total Disability Based on Individual
Unemployability Claims**

Steve Bracci
KayCee Adams
Brandon Allen
Spencer Anderson
Orlan Braman
Michelle Egbert

Rob Grooms
Todd Wagnild
Dan Blodgett
Jill Russell
Rashiya Washington

In recognition of outstanding contributions to ensure that veterans rated as totally disabled receive the benefits to which they are entitled.

Inspections

**Department of the Interior OIG
Indian School Health and Safety Inspection Team**

Stacey Crouser
Michelle Diggs
Pat O'Boyle
Daniel Adams
Leslie Kobus
Linda Bergo

Anna Leslie
Stephen Jones
Lourdes Baetz
Katherine Levan
Deanna Masterson

In recognition of the team's exemplary efforts in identifying and inspecting BIE's highest risk schools to evaluate whether the most serious health and safety deficiencies were corrected to ensure that students learn in a safe and healthy environment.

**Department of Justice OIG
Inspection of the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Federal Medical Center Devens**

DOJ OIG

Melissa Bradley
Mary Ball (posthumously)
Samuel Morris
Katelyn Gross
Ameerah Thomas
Anna Heetderks
Jan Hamm
Jacqueline Lightle

Contractors

Dr. Mark Cervi
Shelly Glass

In recognition of the team's thoroughness in conducting a novel inspection of a federal medical center which identified serious issues affecting the health and safety of employees and federal inmates.

**National Security Agency OIG
Healthcare Quick Reaction Report Team**

Kevin M.
Joyce S.
Jaimi B.

In recognition of exceptional professionalism in conduction of impactful oversight resulting in substantive changes to benefit and protect the NSA/CSS workforce and mission.

**Department of State OIG
Embassy Moscow Inspection Team**

Calvin Carlsen
Sharon Umber
Ken Gross
Jay Biddulph
Lisa Derrickson
Adrienne Fagler
James Hogan
Daniel Mattern
Rebecca Sawyer
Joseph Talsma
Mitchell Trump

In recognition of exemplary performance in identifying significant operational challenges facing Embassy Moscow and making substantive and meaningful recommendations to strengthen the mission's ability to operate effectively in a country of strategic importance.

**Department of Veterans Affairs OIG
Tuscaloosa Healthcare System Inspection Team**

Stephanie Beres
Jennifer Caldwell
Ashley Casto
Jennifer Christensen
Christopher Hoffman
Terri Julian
Darryl Joe
Michelle Loewy
Meggan MacFarlane
Alan Mallinger
Natalie Sadow

In recognition of high-impact work that substantiated allegations of failures in the care of a patient who died by suicide, resulting in improvements related to suicide risk screening, lethal means safety counseling, and traumatic brain injury evaluation.

Investigation

Agency for International Development OIG USAID OIG Chemonics Investigative Team

USAID OIG

Mackenzie Metcalfe
Chloe Sedlak
Nyema Morais
Laura Rousseau
Jessica Pearch
Sean Bottary
Vanessa Freeman
Jennifer Herrmann

DOJ

Robin Overby
Sam Lehman
Matt Sparks
Cari Walsh

In recognition of outstanding work on a complex investigation of USAID's top contractor, which resulted in a \$3.1 million reimbursement, a government-wide debarment, and the exposure of significant weakness in USAID's global health supply chain.

Department of Agriculture OIG Mississippi Delta Grain Elevator Fraud Prosecution & Investigation Team

USDA OIG
Donald Short
Matthew Wilkins

State of Mississippi

Kevin Mathis

IRS-CI

TJ Mitchell

FBI

Shannon Wright

DOJ

Clayton Dabbs

In recognition of the outstanding investigative efforts that led to the successful prosecution of a grain company owner, resulting in a \$69.8 million monetary impact and restoring justice to farmers, banks, and Federal programs.

Amtrak OIG
Amtrak Employee Healthcare Fraud Investigative Team

Amtrak OIG
John Hess
Alejandra Rodriguez

Amtrak Police Department
Alex Colon
George Gernon

DEA
Matthew Banwer

DOJ
Katherine Ramano
Jessica Ecker

In recognition of exceptional achievement by uncovering a massive healthcare fraud conspiracy in which at least 119 employees conspired with health care providers to steal more than \$12 million from Amtrak's health care plan.

Department of Defense OIG
KDHK, Inc. (et al.) Procurement Fraud and Corruption Investigation Team

DOD OIG
Chad Gosch
David Keagy
Sean de Haas
Cindy Sewell-Yax
Fines "Eddie" Kiper
Louis Carillo
Julie Forames

Army CID
Lance Allen
Juan Salas
Haby Ramirez
Jacquelyn Berry

GSA OIG
Temeka Watson
Gregory Fallecker

IRS-CI
Jonathan Reading

DOJ
William Lewis, Jr.
Kelly Stephenson
Jonathan "Jay" Porier
Thomas "TJ" Parnham

In recognition of extraordinary dedication investigating monumental procurement fraud and corruption, uncovering over \$250M compromised DoD contracts and \$100K in bribes. Led to convictions, millions recovered and prevented billions in future losses.

**Department of Education OIG
Seemer Student Loan Total Permanent Disability Fraud Investigative Team**

ED OIG

Anthony Persaud
John Carlo

FBI

Robert Hupcher
Herbert Gastelu
Patrick McCadden
Cecilia McGovern
Liam McElearney

DOJ

Qais Ghafary

In recognition of exemplary investigative efforts resulting in the conviction of Catherine Seemer, a nurse practitioner who stole the identities of 12 medical doctors and orchestrated an \$11.2 million student loan disability discharge fraud scheme.

**Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation OIG
TD Bank Investigation Team**

FDIC OIG

Peter Chartier
Judith Phillips

Morristown PD

Keith Cregan
Scott Pino

DOJ

Marko Pesce
Angelica Sinopole
David Zachary Adams
Chelsea Rooney

DEA

Tamara Teller
Hasan Mason
Tyler Colonnelli

IRS-CI

Carlo Nastasi
Avra Rubin
Nicholas Brancato
Linda Masessa

HSI

Adrian Vlahovic

Parsippany PD

Sean Abrusci

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**Department of Labor OIG
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**National Science Foundation OIG
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Social Security Administration OIG

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Bosnian Prison Camp**

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**Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration
TIGTA Latent Fingerprint Examiners**

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In recognition of the Forensic & Digital Science Lab, Latent Fingerprint examiners for outstanding efforts and contributions related to latent fingerprint examinations and subsequent identification of subjects associated with fraudulent US Treasury checks

**U.S. Postal Service OIG
USPS OIG-Led Investigation Dismantles Multimillion Health Care Provider Fraud**

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In recognition of the outstanding work of Special Agent Adam Watson, who led a multi-agency team to dismantle a health care fraud conspiracy that swindled private insurance and government payors of almost \$91 million.

**Department of Veterans Affairs OIG
Team for Atlanta VA Physician Sexual Assault Investigation**

VA OIG

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Information Technology

**Department of Agriculture OIG
Review of Inventory and Information Security Controls for Excessing IT Equipment
Inspection Team**

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In recognition of the USDA OIG Office of Audit Inspection team's impactful results for improving the Department of Agriculture's information security controls when excessing USDA's computer equipment.

**National Science Foundation OIG
NSF OIG Team Establishing Secure and Independent IT Infrastructure in Antarctica**

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**U.S. Postal Service OIG
USPS OIG Leverages Hybrid Technology to Modernize Hotline System**

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In recognition of the Hotline modernization team for their innovative use of hybrid technology, significantly enhancing efficiency and reliability in handling complaints and enabling staff to focus on critical tasks and improve overall agency operations.

Management

**Department of Homeland Security OIG
Strategic Leadership in Facilities Optimization**

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In recognition of exemplary leadership mitigating office space constraints and orchestrating space-sharing agreements for 29 OIG employees across nine locations, enhancing Executive Order compliance, interagency coordination, and operational effectiveness

Multiple Disciplines

**Department of Commerce OIG
OIG Response Team for Allegations of Patent Examiner Conflicts of Interest at U.S.
Patent and Trademark Office**

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**Department of Defense OIG
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**Department of Defense OIG
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In recognition of a first-of-its-kind fraud resolution holding accountable a consulting firm, McKinsey & Co. Inc., for its role in promoting the opioid crisis.

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**Housing and Urban Development OIG
Innovation in Identifying, Realizing, and Reporting on Non-Monetary Benefits**

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**U.S. Postal Service OIG
USPS OIG's Provider Overbilling Detection System**

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In recognition of the team's work to develop the Provider Overbilling Detection System, which uses Artificial Intelligence to analyze millions of physical therapy and chiropractic billing records to identify health care provider fraud risk.

**United States Capitol Police OIG
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