18th Annual Awards Ceremony
October 22nd 2015

Ronald Reagan Building Amphitheatre
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004
CIGIE AWARDS – 2015
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Presentation of Colors and National Anthem

Welcoming Remarks
Kathy A. Buller
CIGIE Awards Program Co-Chair
Inspector General, Peace Corps

Keynote Address
The Honorable Loretta Lynch
Attorney General

Special Category 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

Alexander Hamilton Award
Gaston L. Gianni, Jr. Better Government Award
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Sentner Award for Dedication and Courage
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Barry R. Snyder Joint Award

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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 Kathleen Tighe
CIGIE Awards Program Co-Chair, Inspector General, U.S. Department of Education
Loretta E. Lynch was sworn in as the 83rd Attorney General of the United States by Vice President Joe Biden on April 27, 2015. President Barack Obama announced his intention to nominate Ms. Lynch on November 8, 2014.

Ms. Lynch received her A.B., cum laude, from Harvard College in 1981, and her J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1984. In 1990, after a period in private practice, Ms. Lynch joined the United States Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of New York, located in Brooklyn, New York—the city she considers her adopted home. There, she forged an impressive career prosecuting cases involving narcotics, violent crimes, public corruption, and civil rights. In one notable instance, she served on the prosecution team in the high-profile civil rights case of Abner Louima, the Haitian immigrant who was sexually assaulted by uniformed police officers in a Brooklyn police precinct in 1997.

In 1999, President Clinton appointed her to lead the office as United States Attorney—a post she held until 2001. In 2002, she joined Hogan & Hartson LLP (now Hogan Lovells) as a partner in the firm’s New York office. While in private practice, Ms. Lynch performed extensive pro bono work for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, established to prosecute those responsible for human rights violations in the 1994 genocide in that country. As Special Counsel to the Tribunal, she was responsible for investigating allegations of witness tampering and false testimony.

In 2010, President Obama asked Ms. Lynch to resume her leadership of the United States Attorney’s Office in Brooklyn. Under her direction, the office successfully prosecuted numerous corrupt public officials, terrorists, cybercriminals and human traffickers, among other important cases.

Ms. Lynch is the daughter of Lorenzo and Lorine Lynch of Durham, N.C., a retired minister and a librarian whose commitment to justice and public service has been the inspiration for her life’s work.

Ms. Lynch enjoys spending her free time with her husband, Stephen Hargrove, and their two children.
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 72 Inspector General 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.

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.

Michael E. Horowitz
Chair

Allison 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.

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 Tebran, Iran.

Robert Hebb
Auditor

A Honduran TAN SAHSA airliner crashed on approach to the airport in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 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 Glyco, 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.
Special Category Awards
ALEXANDER HAMILTON AWARD
Social Security Administration
Improper Payment and Fraud Team

Shannon Agee
Audit Manager, Kansas City Audit Division

Mark Bailey
Director, Kansas City Audit Division

Jeffrey Brown
Director, Information Systems Division

Tonya Eickman
Audit Manager, Kansas City Audit Division

Kevin Joyce
IT Specialist, Boston Audit Division

Jim Klein
Director, San Francisco Audit Division

Brennan Kraje
Statistician, OA

Rona Lawson
Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audit

David Mazzola
Audit Manager, Boston Audit Division

Judith Oliveira
Director, Boston Audit Division

Melinda Padeiro
Senior Auditor, Information Systems Division

Frank Salamone
Senior Auditor, Boston Audit Division

Steven L. Schaeffer
Assistant Inspector General for Audit

Gale Stone
Deputy IG

Stephen Vaughan
OCRMAFMED

Wilfred Wong
IT Specialist, San Francisco Audit Division

In recognition of demonstrating, over the long term, exceptional leadership and maximizing resources through data analysis to address improper payments and fraud

GASTON L. GIANNI, JR. BETTER GOVERNMENT AWARD
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Wright County Egg Investigative Team

Todd D. Bucci
Special Agent

Douglas J. Czepa
Special Agent, Food and Drug Administration

Peter E. Deegan, Jr.
Assistant United States Attorney

Don Dixon
Regional Director, Agricultural Marketing Service

Suzanne L. Hasiak
Policy Development Division Staff Officer, Food Safety and Inspection Service

Lisa E. Hsiao
Trial Attorney

Derrick N. Hurst
Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge

Yvonne M. Meeks
Special Agent

Bradley E. Meyer
Special Agent

Anthony V. Mohatt
Special Agent-in-Charge

Spencer E. Morrison
Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge, Food and Drug Administration

Christopher K. Parisi
Trial Attorney

Matthew G. Permenter
Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Robert A. Petrie
Investigator, Food Safety and Inspection Service

Carole Schmitt
Special Agent

Michael E. Sheats
Director, Poultry Market News and Analysis Division, Agricultural Marketing Service

David W. Trykowski
Director, Compliance, Safety, and Security Division, Agricultural Marketing Service
In recognition of the extraordinary investigative efforts and interagency cooperation to prosecute violators of food safety standards and practices that resulted in a nationwide outbreak of salmonellosis that led to a recall of millions of eggs.

GLENN/ROTH AWARD FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
DHS OIG Audits Team - CBP Unmanned Aircraft Systems

Patricia A. Benson
Program Analyst

Douglas E. Bozeman
Program Analyst

Donald L. Bumgardner
Director

Peter L. Christopher
Program Analyst

Marisa L. Coccaro
Program Analyst

Shawn D. Cosman
Auditor-in-Charge

Vashti Gordon
Program Analyst

Kelly E. Herberger
Communications Analyst

Sean R. Pettersen
Audit Manager

In recognition of the DHS OIG audit team's exemplary service and commendable effort in auditing U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) Unmanned Aircraft Systems.

SENTNER AWARD FOR DEDICATION AND COURAGE

Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction
Customs Audit and Investigations Team

Christopher W. Borgeson
Auditor-in-Charge

Phillip G. Cousin
Special Agent

Matthew D. Dove
Senior Audit Manager

Melissa Hermes
Auditor

Michael J. Janiga
Special Agent

Steven J. Mocsary
Special Agent

Martin Wilson
Auditor

In recognition of courage, uncommon selflessness, and dedication to duty in conducting audit and investigative work in a kinetic environment to support the Afghan government in developing revenue collection capability leading to long term sustainability.
JUNE GIBBS BROWN CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
U.S. Department of State

Robert B. Peterson
Assistant Inspector General for Inspections (Retired)

For sustained and significant contributions to the mission of the Office of Inspector General at the Department of State and Broadcasting Board of Governors for nearly three decades.

AWARD FOR INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENT
Social Security Administration

Judith Oliveira
Director, Boston Audit Division

In recognition of leading CIGIE’s efforts to ensure the OIG community complied with Executive Order 13520, the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act of 2010 and the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012.
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Barry R. Snyder
Joint Award
CIGIE’s Cloud Computing Initiative
Multiple Offices of Inspector General,
U.S. Department of Agriculture (Project Lead)

Joann Adam
Program Director, Department of Transportation

Priscilla Akita
Program Analyst, United States Agency for International Development

Reginald Allen
Director, Computer Security and Information Technology Audit Office, Department of Justice

Tertia Allen
Team Member, United States Postal Service

Sean Balduff
Deputy Director, United States Postal Service

Lisa Banks
Assistant Director, United States Agency for International Development

Susan Banks
Operations Manager, United States Postal Service

Jane A. Bannon
Director, Information Technology Audit Operations Division, USDA

Rashmi Bartlett
Assistant Inspector General for Audit, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Heather Baumgartel
Team Leader, Department of Energy

Corey Bidne
Assistant Director, Information Technology Audit Operations Division, USDA

Mike Blaszczak
Operations Manager, United States Postal Service

Robert Brennan
Assistant Inspector General for Audits, National Labor Relations Board

Rudolph M. Brevard
Director, Environmental Protection Agency

Jeffrey Brown
Director, Social Security Administration

Sharon Brown
Auditor, United States Agency for International Development

William J. Burke
Assistant Director, Farm, Trade, Research, and Environment Division, USDA

Naomi Byberg
Senior Auditor, Department of Labor

Therese M. Campbell
Assistant Director, Information Technology Audit Division, Department of Education

Luis de la Cantera
Assistant Director, United States Agency for International Development

Victor Chan
Auditor, Department of Labor

John Cihota
Deputy Assistant Inspector General, United States Postal Service

Charles E. Coe, Jr.
Assistant Inspector General, IT Audits and Computer Crime Investigations, Department of Education

Allen Crawley
Assistant Inspector General for Systems Acquisition and IT Security, Department of Commerce

Nate Custer
Program Director, Department of Transportation

Charles M. Dade
Team Lead, Environmental Protection Agency

Cheryl Dailey
Auditor, Social Security Administration

Laura Davis
Inspector General, National Endowment for the Humanities

George D’Elia
Information Technology Specialist, United States Agency for International Development

Sherri L. Demmel
Deputy Assistant Inspector General, IT Audits and Computer Crime Investigations, ED

Rodney G. DeSmet
Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audit, USDA

Joshua Dieckert
IT Auditor, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and CFPB

Amy K. Donahoo
Senior Auditor, USDA

Lynn Dowds
Senior Auditor, Department of Transportation

Thomas Elchenko
Lead Information Technology Auditor, Office of Personnel Management

Stephen Elsberg
Auditor, National Endowment for the Humanities

Stephen Fowler
IT Audit Manager, Department of Labor

Juliet Fuselier
Staff Auditor, Department of Interior

Brian Gibson
Program Director, General Services Administration

Jefferson Gilkeson
Director IT Audit, Department of the Interior
Amanda Young  
*Auditor-in-Charge, United States Postal Service*

Sonya Zacker  
*Senior IT Auditor, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation*

Julie Zielinski  
*Auditor-in-Charge, Department of Energy*

In recognition of outstanding achievements in improving the integrity, efficiency, and effectiveness of executive branch agencies’ operations in the critical realm of cloud computing.
AUDIT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE
Agency for International Development
USAID OIG Arab Spring Report Team

In recognition of outstanding work exposing systemic challenges to USAID programs in the Middle East, and proposing innovative and actionable ways to enhance the effectiveness and accountability of foreign assistance in transitional settings.

U.S. Department of Agriculture
USDA Outreach Audit Team

In recognition for outstanding efforts to ensure that U.S. Department of Agriculture assistance improves the viability of small and beginning farmers and ranchers, and access to USDA programs for historically underserved communities.
Corporation for National and Community Service
Blanket Purchase Audit Team

Stuart Axenfeld
Assistant Inspector General for Audit

Thomas Chin
Audit Manager

In recognition of an outstanding team auditing effort that resulted in significant changes to the Corporation’s procurement process

Defense Intelligence Agency
FFP LOE Contract Audit Team

Ilianet Milian Correa
Audit Manager

Karla J. Roark
Auditor

In recognition of outstanding achievement of OIG goals to improve the integrity and efficiency of agency operations and promote the best use of funds

Noncompetitive Contract Awards Audit Team

Paula Gonzalez Tosado
Auditor-in-Charge

Tika P. Mainali
Auditor

Ilianet Milian Correa
Audit Manager

In recognition of outstanding achievement of OIG goals to improve the integrity and efficiency of agency operations and promote the best use of funds

U.S. Department of Defense
Counter Narco Terrorism Technology Program Audit Team

Daniel Carlquist
Auditor

Paul Knoth
Office of General Counsel

John Petrucci
Project Manager

Christopher Scianna
Auditor

Bridgette Seebacher
Auditor

Kandasamy Selvavel
Statistician

Catherine Sherbondy
Auditor

Joseph Siddall
Editor
In recognition of Exceptional Performance during the Audit of the Counter Narco Terrorism Technology Program

MQ 9 Reaper Procurement Quantities Audit Team

Kristen Beshany  
Auditor

Sarah Davis  
Program Director

Paul Hadjiyane  
Office of General Counsel

Dharam Jain  
Analyst

Michael Nishi  
Auditor

In recognition of exceptional service in the audit of MQ 9 Reaper Procurement

U.S. Department of Education
U.S. Department of Education Office of Inspector General
Student Loan Debt and Repayment Team

Nancy Buckheit  
Statistician

Ruth Dunlop  
Auditor

Ray Hendren  
Regional Inspector General for Audit

Jeffrey Nekrasz  
Student Financial Assistance Advisory Team

Ben Sanders  
Auditor-in-Charge

Jack Sauer  
Auditor

Howard D. Sorensen  
Assistant Counsel to the Inspector General

W. Christian Vierling  
Director, Student Financial Assistance Advisory Team

In recognition of an exemplary effort that identified a critical need for a comprehensive and coordinated plan by the U.S. Department of Education to prevent student loan defaults and improve student loan default prevention activities
In recognition of outstanding achievement of an inquiry into a nuclear waste incident that resulted in actions to improve development and approval of packaging and remediation techniques for permanent disposal of defense related radioactive waste.
Richard Mills  
*Writer-Editor*

George Nedder  
*Audit Manager*

Vicki Robinson  
*Senior Counselor for Policy*

Arlene Ryan  
*Senior Auditor*

Diann Saltman  
*Director, Quality Assurance and Policy*

Kristin Scully  
*Senior Auditor*

Maria Silvestre  
*Senior Auditor*

Lisa Sivongxay  
*Senior Auditor*

Andrew VanLandingham  
*Associate Counsel*

Paul Westfall  
*Associate Counsel*

Nancy Whiles  
*Auditor*

Donald White  
*Public Affairs Specialist*

Iman Zbinden  
*Senior Auditor*

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In recognition of exceptional performance in providing a timely and high impact Congressionally mandated report, the first HHS OIG review under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), to address enrollment and eligibility safeguards

**U.S. Department of Homeland Security**  
DHS OIG/Office of Audits Pandemic Team

Brooke P. Bebow  
*Director*

Stephanie G. Christian  
*Audit Manager*

Gary W. Crownover  
*Program Analyst*

Kevin L. Dolloson  
*Communications Analyst*

Ruth A. Gonzales  
*Program Analyst*

Matthew R. Noll  
*Program Analyst*

Mark A. Phillips  
*Program Analyst*

Melissa J. Prunchak  
*Program Analyst*

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In recognition of outstanding achievement in reviewing DHS’s Pandemic Personal Protective Equipment and Antiviral Medical Counter Measures

**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**  
Public Housing Operating and Capital Fund Program Central Office Cost Center Fee, HUD OIG Region 9, Office of Audits

Pamela Martin  
*Senior Auditor*

Vincent Mussetter  
*Assistant Regional Inspector General for Audit*

Kathleen Ng  
*Senior Auditor*

Tanya Schulze  
*Regional Inspector General for Audit*

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In recognition of outstanding audit work in the review of HUD’s implementation and oversight of Public Housing’s asset management fees and central office cost centers
U.S. Department of Justice
Witness Security Program Review Team

Kate E. Bodan
Program Manager
Jennifer U. Brookes
Auditor
Chungte Cheng
Program Analyst

In recognition of exceptional contributions to public safety through an audit of the Department of Justice’s handling of sex offenders admitted into the Federal Witness Security Program

U.S. Department of Labor
Black Lung Review Team

Benjamin Brady
IT Specialist
Nicholas Christopher
Supervisory Auditor
Janet Cucunato
Auditor
Jennifer Dunbar
Program Analyst
Donald Evans
Auditor
Elizabet Garcia
Auditor

In recognition of outstanding performance in recommending significant improvements to the Department of Labor’s process to provide compensation to coal miners with black lung disease

Job Corps Student Misconduct Audit Team

Ray Armada
Supervisory Auditor
Arijit Bandyopadhyay
Auditor
Catherine Christian
Program Analyst

In recognition of the audit team’s exemplary work to increase student safety at Job Corps’ centers by identifying center operators’ failure to properly investigate, report, and take disciplinary action for serious student misconduct
Job Corps Student Travel Funds Audit Team

Ray Armada  
Supervisory Auditor

Arijit Bandyopadhyay  
Auditor

Catherine Christian  
Program Analyst

Steven Grubb  
Auditor

Jon Ling  
Supervisory Auditor

In recognition of the team’s exemplary work in identifying that almost $1 million of government funds were misused or wasted because Job Corps lacked basic internal controls over prepaid debit cards and centrally billed government travel cards.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration  
NASA Office of Inspector General  
Review of Extending the Operational Life of the International Space Station Until 2024

Letisha Antone  
Auditor

Ridge Bowman  
Director, Space Operations Directorate

Cedric Campbell  
Associate Counsel to the Inspector General Central Region

Gina Davenport  
Auditor

Kevin Fagedes  
Project Manager

Frank Martin  
Aerospace Technologist

In recognition of exceptional achievement and outstanding teamwork examining NASA’s decision to extend the International Space Station until 2024.

NASA Office of Inspector General Review of NASA’s Efforts to Identify Near-Earth Objects and Mitigate Hazards

Anh Doan  
Management Analyst

Noreen Khan-Mayberry  
Technical Evaluator

Jiang Yun Lu  
Auditor

Raymond Tolomeo  
Director, Science and Research Directorate

Ronald Yarbrough  
Project Manager

In recognition of exceptional achievement and outstanding teamwork identifying deficiencies that hamper NASA’s efforts to discover, characterize, catalog, and develop mitigation strategies to protect the Earth from the hazards of near-Earth Objects.
NASA Office of Inspector General Review of NASA’s Space Communications and Navigation Program

Loretta Atkinson
*Project Manager*

Ridge Bowman
*Director, Space Operations Directorate*

Jim Griggs
*Auditor*

Barbara Moody
*Auditor*

Chris Reeves
*Auditor*

In recognition of exceptional achievement and outstanding teamwork examining NASA’s Space Communications and Navigation Program

Nuclear Regulatory Commission
The Spent Fuel Pool Team

Michael A. Blair
*Audit Manager*

Amy L. Hardin
*Senior Auditor*

Sherri A. Miotla
*Team Leader*

Kevin J. Nietmann
*Senior Engineer (Technical Advisor)*

Regina M. Revinzon
*Auditor*

In recognition of exceptional performance in identifying ways to improve the Nuclear Regulatory Commission’s (NRC) oversight of spent fuel pools containing highly radioactive materials

Small Business Administration
7(a) Loan Guaranty Approval Process Audit Team

Katie Boutwell
*Senior Auditor*

Luke Itnyre
*Audit Manager*

Andrea Rambow
*Acting Director, Credit Programs Group*

Ron Waller
*Senior Auditor*

For excellence in identifying significant improvement opportunities for the 7(a) loan program that will promote efficiency and reduce taxpayer risk

Special Inspector General for Troubled Asset Relief Program
Audit - Evaluation – SIGTARP’s Oversight of Executive Compensation for Executives of Companies That Received “Exceptional” TARP Assistance

Vonda Batts
*Supervisory Auditor, SIGTARP*

Cynthia Broome
*Former Writer-Editor, SIGTARP*

Brandon Crowder
*Former Auditor, SIGTARP*

Bruce Gimbel
*Deputy Special Inspector General, Audit, SIGTARP*

Michelle Mang
*Former Auditor, SIGTARP*

Craig Meklir
*Supervisory Program Analyst, SIGTARP*
Janice Turner  
Former Auditor, SIGTARP

Jennifer Wilson  
Assistant Deputy Special Inspector General, Audit, SIGTARP

For outstanding evaluation work that brought oversight over Treasury's Special Master for TARP Executive Compensation and transparency to executive compensation for TARP companies

U.S. Department of State  
Law Enforcement Reform Program in Pakistan Audit Team

Victoria A. Ashley  
CPA, Supervisory Auditor, Middle East Region Operations, Office of Audits

Jim Pollard  
Audit Director, Middle East Region Operations Directorate, Office of Audits

David Chappell  
Audit Manager, Middle East Region Operations, Office of Audits

In recognition of exceptional achievements of the audit team that contributed to improved program efficiency for the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement and identified approximately $65 million that was put to better use

U.S. Department of Transportation  
DOT OIG Unmanned Aircraft Systems Audit Team

Audre E. Azuolas  
Writer-Editor

Mark D. Perrill  
Analyst

Curt L. Boettcher  
Analyst

Nathan P. Richmond  
Director and Counsel for External and Congressional Affairs

Andrew A. Farnsworth  
Analyst

Karen M. Sloan  
Communications Officer

Marshall E. Jackson  
Project Manager

Carlton E. Weems  
Congressional and Public Affairs Officer

Seth B. Kaufman  
Senior Counsel

David G. Wonnenberg  
Senior Congressional and Public Affairs Officer

Robin P. Koch  
Program Director

In recognition of significant contributions to Congress and DOT in improving FAA's integration of Unmanned Aircraft Systems into the National Airspace System

Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration  
Returns Processing and Account Services Refundable Tax Credit Group

Deann L. Baiza  
Director

Jennie G. Choo  
Senior Auditor

W. George Burleigh  
Senior Auditor

Johnathan D. Elder  
Auditor
Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency

In recognition of outstanding achievement by the Returns Processing and Account Services Refundable Tax Credit Group for their efforts in improving the identification of Internal Revenue Service programs with significant improper payments

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Audit of the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans Team

Beverly Carter
IT Specialist

Lee Giesbrecht
Statistician

Milan Gokaldas
Management Analyst

Ambreen Husain
IT Specialist

Gurpreet Kaur
Auditor

Janet Mah
Director

John Panzullo
Auditor

In recognition of the team's significant contributions by identifying needed improvements in VA's National Call Center for Homeless Veterans and ensuring homeless veterans receive VA assistance

EMPLOYEE PROTECTIONS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE
U.S. Department of Transportation
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Team

Toayoa D. Aldridge
Program Director

Amy J. Berks
Senior Counsel

Keith A. Klindworth
Senior Analyst

Sara J. Oliver
Special Agent

Amanda J. Seese
Project Manager

Karen M. Sloan
Communication Officer

Henning Thiel
Analyst

In recognition of its success in promoting improvements to programs at the Academy designed to protect cadets from sexual assault and harassment
EVALUATIONS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE
Defense Intelligence Agency
Data Asset Management Assessment Team

D. L. Clute
Supervisory Inspector and Project Manager

Melissa L. Folz
Inspector

Kassandra Y. Griffin
Inspector

Jerry W. Logan
Inspector

Tanya D. Manglona
Inspector

Dana S. McCauley
Inspector

Kevin T. McCormick
Inspector

Alfred L. Perez
Inspection Team Lead

In recognition of outstanding achievement in improving the integrity, efficiency, and effectiveness of DLA information and information systems security

U.S. Department of Defense
Afghan National Security Forces Logistics and Maintenance Sustainment Capability Assessment Team

Chico D. Bennett
Military Evaluator

Eleanor M. Cambridge
Executive Officer

Michael de la Garza
Program Analyst

Phillip DiBella
Military Evaluator

Frederick J. Fair
Program Analyst

Patricia J. Goodin
Team Lead

William G. Jackson
Program Analyst

David A. King
Program Analyst

George P. Marquardt
Project Director

Michael L. McClellan
Team Leader

James P. Minic
Program Analyst

Daniel Morgan
Program Analyst

Charles P. Royce
Team Leader

In recognition of exceptional performance during the Assessment of U.S. and Coalition Efforts to Develop the Logistics and Maintenance Sustainment Capability of the Afghan National Security Forces

U.S. Department of Energy
Sandia's Attempts to Influence Congress Inspection Team

Gary E. Everall
Team Leader

Louie J. Gomez
Team Member

Robert J. Launstein
Team Member

Joseph R. Nieto
Team Member

Marilyn E. Richardson
Acting Assistant Inspector General for Inspections

Michael J. Sanchez
Project Lead
Theodore E. Studerus
Team Member

Jose X. Tarango
Team Member

In recognition of outstanding inspection work that identified the inappropriate use of Federal funds to engage in activities intended to influence the extension of Sandia Corporation’s $2.4 billion per year contract with the Department of Energy

Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Virgin Islands Environmental Programs Team

Robert Adachi
Product Line Director

Rick Beusse
Product Line Director

Genevieve Borg Soule
Social Science Analyst

Kathlene Butler
Lead Program Analyst

Alisha Chugh
Management Analyst

Bao Chuong
Physical Scientist

Allison Dutton
Program Analyst

Dan Engelberg
Product Line Director

Julie Hamann
Auditor

Jim Hatfield
Acting Product Line Director

Chad Kincheloe
Lead Program Analyst

Fred Light
Program Analyst

Tina Lovingood
Product Line Director

Barry Parker
Program Analyst

Wendy Wierzbicki
Management Analyst

Lela Wong
Lead Auditor

In recognition of collaborative engagement and evaluation to facilitate extensive improvements in management of environmental programs and federal money in the United States Virgin Islands

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Federal Marketplace Contract Procurement Team

Heather Barton
Program Analyst

Tara Bernabe
Program Analyst

Joanna Biskeig
Program Analyst

Edward Burley
Program Analyst

Teresa Dailey
Program Analyst

Tanaz Dutia
Program Analyst

Courtney Fanslau
Program Analyst

Christopher Galvin
Program Analyst

Juliet Hodgkins
Chief, Advice Branch

Elizabeth Holahan
Senior Counsel

Maria Johnson
Program Analyst

Jennifer Karr
Program Analyst

Kevin McAloon
Program Analyst

Lauren McNulty
Program Analyst

Nancy Molyneaux
Program Analyst

Louise Schoggen
Program Analyst
Amy Sernyak  
*Program Analyst*

Stefanie Vance  
*Program Analyst*

Stephanie Yeager  
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In recognition of groundbreaking work promoting quality, safety, and value by improving patients’ access to care in Medicaid Managed Care:

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Assessment of the 1996 Department of Justice Task Force Review of the FBI Laboratory

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In recognition of the team's efforts toward improving training for staff worldwide to better support volunteers and further the Peace Corps mission

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For excellence in identifying significant weaknesses with data used to report the amount of dollars awarded to Section 8(a) Business Development Program and HUBZone firms

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE
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For exemplary achievement in strengthening the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s cyber security program to protect systems and information supporting its national critical mission
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In recognition of exceptional and unique contributions, by collaborating across the OIG community, to create an innovative maturity model and methodology that strengthens the assessment and oversight of agencies’ information security under FISMA.

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In recognition of outstanding efforts to bring to justice brothers who
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In recognition of outstanding service and dedication resulting in an unprecedented
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In recognition of excellence in investigating systemic corruption in overseas contracting during Operation Enduring Freedom

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In recognition of the exemplary efforts that led to the prosecution of the owner of Bilingual SEIT for stealing millions of special education dollars and a new law calling for increased oversight of preschool special education providers in New York
In recognition of the team’s exceptional efforts in combating company-endorsed, widespread, systemic timecard fraud that resulted in an $18 million civil settlement and 11 criminal convictions.

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U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
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In recognition of outstanding investigative and civil work resulting in a civil settlement
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In recognition of the team’s comprehensive investigation determining that FBI Special Agent Matthew Lowry tampered with substantial quantities of drug evidence, adversely affecting a number of large scale drug investigations.

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In recognition of the outstanding skills, dedication, and expertise demonstrated in the Ironworkers 401 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) investigation and trial.

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In recognition of outstanding achievement for completing a Fraud Prevention Guide highlighting patterns of LSC grant fraud schemes and successfully educating employees at 135 LSC grantee programs through Fraud Awareness Briefings.
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In recognition of the outstanding commitment, dedication, initiative and teamwork
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In recognition of outstanding teamwork in the investigation and prosecution of an overseas health care fraud

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In recognition of investigative excellence and significant teamwork in the Parking Management, Inc. investigations
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In recognition of outstanding achievement in successfully mitigating fraud related to nearly a billion dollar Afghan fuel contract, resulting in immediate action by the Afghan president and saving over $200 million of U.S. government funds.

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In recognition of successfully conducting a joint investigation, leading to the recovery of $31.5 million to the U.S. government due to false billings and overcharges for Afghan goods.

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In recognition of outstanding performance in conducting investigations positively impacting the safety of the traveling public

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In recognition of an outstanding multi-agency collaboration in combating health care fraud against the U.S. government and protecting the integrity of federal disability benefit programs

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In recognition of the team's significant contribution in advancing the OIG's investigative mission related to various fraud schemes facilitated through the use of stolen VA patient records containing veterans' Personal Identifying Information.

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In recognition of an outstanding report on the oversight of administrative law judges (ALJs) and their decision making at the Social Security Administration

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In recognition of dynamic leadership, dedication and contributions towards the success of HHS OIG Investigations and the CIGIE law enforcement community
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