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Ronald Reagan Building Amphitheater
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004
CIGIE AWARDS – 2017
ORDER OF EVENTS

Presentation of Colors and National Anthem

Welcoming Remarks
The Honorable Jay Lerner
CIGIE Awards Program Co-Chair
Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Keynote Address
The Honorable Christopher Wray
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Special Category Awards Presentation
Dustin Brown
Acting CIGIE Executive Chair
Acting 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
Laura Davis
CIGIE Awards Program Co-Chair
Inspector General, National Endowment for the Humanities
Christopher Wray became the eighth Director of the FBI on August 2, 2017.

Mr. Wray was born in New York City. He graduated from Yale University in 1989 and earned his law degree from Yale Law School in 1992. He then clerked for Judge J. Michael Luttig of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. In 1993, he began working in private practice in Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. Wray began his Department of Justice career in 1997 as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia, where he prosecuted cases ranging from public corruption to gun trafficking and financial fraud. In 2001, he joined the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, where he served as associate deputy attorney general and then principal associate deputy attorney general, with oversight responsibilities spanning the full Department.

In 2003, Mr. Wray was nominated by President George W. Bush to serve as assistant attorney general for the Criminal Division. In addition to overseeing criminal matters, Mr. Wray played a key role in the evolving national security mission of the Department. He also served on the President’s Corporate Fraud Task Force and supervised the Enron Task Force and other major national and international fraud investigations. At the conclusion of his tenure, Mr. Wray was awarded the Edmund J. Randolph Award, the Department of Justice’s highest award for leadership and public service.

After leaving the Department of Justice in 2005, Mr. Wray returned to private practice at the law firm King & Spalding, where he chaired the Special Matters and Government Investigations Practice Group.
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.

Each year, the approximately 14,000 staff at our 73 Inspector General (IG) offices perform 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 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 Glynnco, 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.
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Special Category Awards
ALEXANDER HAMILTON AWARD

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
DHS-OIG/Office of IT Audits, USCIS Green Cards

Kristen Bernard
Director

Gregory Flatow
Program Analyst

Kristen Fogart
Audit Manager

Swati Nijhawan
Senior Program Analyst

Richard Saunders
Independent Referencer

In recognition of outstanding audit work disclosing USCIS’ issuance of duplicate and erroneous Green Cards to immigrants, which posed national security risks, denied benefits for approved applicants, and increased workload and costs for the agency

GASTON L. GIANNI, JR. BETTER GOVERNMENT AWARD

U.S. Agency for International Development
USAID OIG Investigation of Syria Humanitarian Aid

Jessica Abenstein
Special Agent

Rebecca Giacalone
Team Leader, D-ISIS Investigations Task Force

Lauren Kiesler
Special Agent

Laura Rousseau
Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge

Jacob Rutz
Auditor

In recognition of extreme courage and investigative determination in furtherance of foreign assistance oversight in a war-torn region

GLENN/ROTH AWARD FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE

Peace Corps
The Inspector General Empowerment Act Team

Emilia DiSanto
Deputy Inspector General, Department of State OIG

Kevin Donohue
Deputy General Counsel, Department of State OIG

Joanne Eldridge
Associate General Counsel, Department of State OIG

Joaquin Ferrao
Deputy Inspector General/Legal Counsel

Christopher Fontanesi
Attorney-Advisor

Jay N. Lerner
Chief of Staff, Department of Justice OIG

Patricia Papas
Associate General Counsel, Department of State OIG

Linette Romer
Associate General Counsel, Department of State OIG
For exemplary work in supporting Congress to pass the Inspector General Empowerment Act

SENTNER AWARD FOR DEDICATION AND COURAGE

Social Security Administration

Clara Soto
Auditor

In recognition of her uncommon selflessness, dedication to duty, and courage while completing work on the Match of California Death Information Against Social Security Administration Records audit

JUNE GIBBS BROWN CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

U.S. Department of Defense

Donald M. Horstman
Operational Research Analyst

In recognition of sustained and significant contributions of Mr. Donald M. Horstman throughout his career with the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General and in support of the newly formed Lead Inspector General oversight mission

AWARD FOR INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENT

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Sue Murrin
Deputy Inspector General, Office of Evaluation and Inspections

In recognition of Sue Murrin, who as chair of the CIGIE Inspection and Evaluation (I&E) Roundtable, led members of the I&E Community to successfully create an I&E Peer Review process
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Barry R. Snyder
Joint Award
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
The CIGIE Leadership Development Team

Beatrice Babalola  
Program Analyst, DoD OIG

Michael Diavolikis  
Senior Writer-Editor, CIGIE

Kevin S. Donohue  
Deputy General Counsel, State Department OIG

Sharon Ginley  
Director, HR Division, DOI OIG

Deborah Glorioso  
Training Administrator, USDA OIG

David Gross  
Director, LMS Academy, CIGIE / DoD OIG

Darcy Katzin  
Attorney, DOJ OIG

Angela Low  
Instructional Systems Specialist, DHS OIG

Gale Moore  
Human Capital Management - Training, HUD OIG

Jacquelyn Phillips  
Director, Plans, Performance, Risk Management and Engagement, HUD OIG

Gregory D. Sampson  
Program Manager, DoD OIG

Lisa M. Schwartz  
Human Resources Specialist, DOJ OIG

Elise Stein  
Director, Intergovernmental Affairs, HHS OIG

Norma Taylor  
Senior Human Resources Consultant, HUD OIG

Viking White  
Training Specialist, DoD OIG

F. Deane Williams  
Division Director, DoD OIG

William Yeager  
Director, Training and Workforce Development, DHS OIG

In recognition of exceptional collaborative efforts leading to the successful launch and adoption of the CIGIE Fellowship Program and Annual Leadership Forum.
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Process Improvement Enhancements to Improve OIG Hotline Coordination and Collaboration Team

Joseph Beidle  
Hotline Analyst

Star Blondell  
Deputy Director

Sheila Brown  
Deputy Director

Tyrone Burrell  
Hotline Analyst

Marci Davis  
Hotline Analyst

Sheyla Desir  
Hotline Analyst

Cheryl Edwards  
Director

Latreala Exum  
Hotline Analyst

Alison Faulk  
Hotline Analyst

Takisha Gamble  
Hotline Analyst

Scotty Hall  
Hotline Analyst

Sandra Khan  
Hotline Analyst

Ruth Miller  
Hotline Analyst

Charles Pomerat  
Hotline Analyst

David Roberts  
Hotline Analyst

Simone Saunches  
Hotline Analyst

Tonya Shorts  
Hotline Analyst

Dorcas Smith  
Hotline Analyst

Cynthia Watson  
Hotline Analyst

Yvonne Williams  
Hotline Analyst

In recognition of significant contributions by improving Hotline operations to more timely assess, triage, and initiate actions of received allegations resulting in improved customer service and transparency of actions taken on behalf of complainants

AUDIT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

U.S. Department of Agriculture
SNAP Administrative Costs Review Team

Kelvin Bailey  
Auditor

Jason Beard  
Auditor-in-Charge

Greg Benda  
Senior Auditor

Dedra Chandler  
Assistant Director; Food, Nutrition, Marketing, and Development Division

Rodney DeSmert  
Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audit

Holly Greene  
Auditor

Bryan Gulick  
Auditor

Kevin Gunnells  
Assistant Director
In recognition of extraordinary efforts to identify weaknesses in USDA SNAP and recommend pragmatic solutions to ensure that SNAP resources are properly used.

**U.S. Meat Animal Research Center Review Team**

**Anthony Kloeppel**  
Assistant Director

**Michael Martin**  
Assistant Director, Writing and Publication Division

**Stephanni Stafford**  
Assistant Director, Farm, Trade, Research, and Environmental Division

**Carlin Walker**  
Director

In recognition of extraordinary efforts in evaluating the operations of the U.S. Meat Animal Research Center and investigating allegations of egregious animal mistreatment at the facility.

**Amtrak**  
Passenger Boarding Audit Team

**John Borrelli**  
Senior Auditor, Lead

**Leila Kahn**  
Senior Director, Lead

**J. J. Marzullo**  
Senior Audit Manager

**Andrew Mollohan**  
Auditor

For a comprehensive and timely report that helped strengthen Amtrak's efficiency, safety, and customer service experience by recommending the use of leading international and regional passenger boarding practices.

**U.S. Capitol Police**

**Thomas J. Schweinefuss**  
Assistant Inspector General for Audits

In recognition of excellence in auditing and leadership, which resulted in OIG reducing its budgetary footprint by over $2 million by using OIG staff to conduct the annual financial statement audit of USCP.
U.S. Department of Commerce
Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite-R Series Audit Team

Hana Carney  
Assistant Counsel

Allen Crawley  
AIG for Systems Acquisition and IT Security

John Haynie  
Systems Engineer

Matthew Katz  
Supervisor Writer-Editor

Edward Kell  
Electronics Engineer

Richard Krasner  
Senior Satellite Analyst

Frederick Meny  
Director for Satellites and Weather Systems

Katherine Smith  
Auditor

Frank Tersigni  
Physical Scientist

In recognition of exemplary achievement in identifying critical weaknesses and $25 million in potential monetary benefits to Congress and Department leadership on NOAA’s $10.8 billion Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite-R Series program

U.S. Department of Defense
Financial Management and Reporting Overseas Contingency Operations Reporting Audit Team

Lise N. Dormeus  
Auditor

Amanda Faust  
Team Leader

Karen Goff  
Deputy Assistant Inspector General

Michael Jarvis  
Team Leader

Emily Kieffer  
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Chad Maroska  
Auditor

Craig Michaels  
Program Director

Sharon Roydes  
Team Leader

Thomas Shurman  
Auditor

Rachel Suydam  
Auditor

Jamie Vandesteene  
Project Manager

Lorin Venable  
Assistant Inspector General

For outstanding achievements in improving the integrity, efficiency, and effectiveness of DoD reporting of the Overseas Contingency Operation costs and establishing a sustainable multi-agency commitment to assisting the Lead IG in accomplishing its mission

U.S. Department of Education
Nationwide Assessment of Charter School Management Organizations Audit Team

William Bennett  
Auditor

Mildred Blanes  
Assistant Regional Inspector General for Audits

Giovanni Brignoni  
Auditor

Nancy Buckheit  
Statistician
In recognition of the team’s outstanding accomplishments in contributing to improvements in the governance of charter management organizations and the charter schools they manage.

U.S. Department of Energy
Hanford Site Information Technology Contract Management Audit Team

Michael D’Antonio
Auditor, Technology Audit Group

Sarah Nelson
Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Administration

Julie Fuselier
Auditor-in-Charge, Technology Audit Group

Todd Wisniewski
Director, Information Technology and Financial Audits

Wayne Herbert
Auditor, Technology Audit Group

In recognition of outstanding audit work that identified the inappropriate management and oversight of information technology contracts at the Department of Energy’s Hanford Site and resulted in questioned costs of more than $183 million.
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
Ensuring that Major Information Security Incidents are Identified and Reported to Congress Consistent with Statutory Requirements

Jill Benham
Audit Specialist
Laura Benton
Audit Manager

In recognition of completing an audit of the FDIC’s Process for Identifying and Reporting Major Information Security Incidents

General Services Administration
Deloitte Consulting Services Settlement Team

Andrea Clarke
Auditor-in-Charge
Daniel Riggs
Auditor
John Kolze
Special Agent-in-Charge
John Walsh
Regional Inspector General for Audits
Erin Priddy
Audit Manager

In recognition of outstanding work on a postaward audit and a False Claims Act case resulting in an $11.4 million settlement

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Express Lane Eligibility Audit Team

Akram Alrubayai
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Senior Auditor
Deana Baggett
Auditor
Craig Pfeifer
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Senior Auditor
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Regional Inspector General for Audit Services
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Senior Auditor
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Karin Nealy
Program Analyst
Wayne Southwell
Senior Auditor
Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency

Ruey-En Tang
Auditor

Andrew VanLandingham
Senior Counsel

In recognition of outstanding work in responding to congressional inquiries concerning
the Express Lane Eligibility Option in the Medicaid and CHIP programs

Federal Medicaid Withdrawals Audit Team

John Beacham
Audit Manager, Medicaid Audits

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Assistant Regional Inspector General for Audit Services

Miquel Darcey
Assistant Regional Inspector General for Audit Services

Chriseilla Fitzsimmons
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Director, Medicaid Audits

Alexandria Hayden
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Trenton Hubbard
Auditor

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Assistant Regional Inspector General for Audit Services

Shelton Jensen
Senior Auditor

Warren Lundy
Assistant Regional Inspector General for Audit Services

Keith Peters
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Megan Tinker
Senior Advisor for Legal Review

Paul Westfall
Senior Counsel (former employee)

Patricia Wheeler
Regional Inspector General for Audit Services

In recognition of contributions to a nationwide audit to safeguard Federal Medicaid withdrawals

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
TSA Risk-Based Security Strategy Team

Elizabeth Argeris
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Heidi Ensweiler
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Armando Lastra
Independent Referencer

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Program Analyst

Anne M. Mattingly
Audit Manager

Ardeth Savery
Auditor

Lisa VonderHaar
Director

In recognition of the TSA Risk-Based Security Strategy team’s exemplary service and
commendable effort, which provided demonstrated value to the Congress
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Consolidated Principal Financial Statements Audit Team

Robyn Berkenbilt
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Theodore Kirby
Senior Auditor
Victoria LaRock
Auditor
Thomas McEnanly
Director
Joseph Oppong
Auditor

Sarah Sequeira
Assistant Director
Michael Shomper
Senior Auditor
Preeti Tilve
Auditor
Brittany Wing
Senior Auditor
Seedara Zaheer
Auditor

For uncovering material pervasive errors with an absolute value of over $278 billion in HUD’s Fiscal Year 2016 and 2015 Principal Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes; causing HUD to withdraw and reissue corrected financial statements

U.S. Department of Justice
Educational Advancement Alliance Team

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Nicola L. Whitehead
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Program Analyst
Craig Yuen
Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge

In recognition of the audit and investigations into the Educational Advancement Alliance, which led to nearly $2 million in audit findings and the subsequent criminal convictions of five individuals, including a U.S. Congressman

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Susan Bachle
Lead Auditor
David Balajthy
Auditor
Michael Beims
Computer Engineer

Ridge Bowman
Director, Space Operations Directorate
Cedric Campbell
Associate Counsel
Kevin Fagedes
Project Manager
**Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency**

Frank Martin  
*Aerospace Technologist*

Sarah McGrath  
*Graphics Design and Editor*

Robert Proudfoot  
*Auditor*

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**In recognition of exceptional achievement and outstanding teamwork in its review of NASA’s plans for human exploration beyond low Earth orbit**

**Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program**  
**SIGTARP’s Oversight of the Hardest Hit Fund in Nevada**

Joshua Alexander  
*Editor*

Caroline Ashe  
*Chief Forensic Auditor*

Clark Beecken  
*Auditor*

Christopher Bosland  
*Assistant Deputy Special Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation Division*

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*Lead Auditor*

Crystal Reese  
*Director Forensic Auditor*

William Saunders  
*Auditor*

Andrew Sinclair  
*Auditor-in-Charge*

Sylvester Tang  
*Auditor*

Jennifer Wilson  
*Deputy Special Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation Division*

Kamruz Zaman  
*Auditor*

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**For outstanding achievement in conducting a forensic audit of the Hardest Hit Fund program in Nevada that found $8.2 million of widespread waste and abuse of TARP funds**

**Tennessee Valley Authority**

John Barrow  
*Senior Auditor*

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**To recognize exceptional performance on a contract audit where a vendor agreed to reimburse overcharges within one week of the final report, correct nine years of incorrect charges, reduce rates 10-22 percent and potentially save TVA $10M in costs**

**U.S. Department of the Interior**  
**Klamath Basin Program**

Michael P. Colombo  
*Regional Manager*

Krista Dragila  
*Auditor*
Jennifer Garleb  
Auditor

Kevin W. Graves  
Supervisory Auditor

Jon D. Pifer  
Associate General Counsel

Leslie Ranoa  
Management and Program Analyst

Victor Sepulveda  
Auditor

Mary Stack  
Writer-Editor

In recognition of the team’s exemplary work in identifying serious and significant deficiencies in the Bureau of Reclamation’s management and oversight of the Klamath Basin Project in Oregon and California that allowed the award of a cooperative agreement.

U.S. Department of the Treasury  
Iran Payment Audit Team

Richard Delmar  
Counsel

Shaneasha Edwards  
Program Analyst

Jeanne DiFruscia  
Auditor

Deborah Harker  
Assistant Inspector General for Audit

Kenneth Dion  
Audit Manager

Andrea Smith  
Audit Director

Jeffery Dye  
Audit Director

Gregory Sullivan  
Auditor

In recognition of excellence in performing a review of the U.S. Government’s $1.3 billion payment to Iran from the Judgement Fund.

U.S. Department of Transportation  
Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Team

Colby L. Britton  
Special Agent

Daniel E. Fox  
Analyst

Kent E. Byers  
Special Agent

Craig S. Furey  
Special Agent

Tanya E. Chavez  
Special Agent

Brian C. Gallagher  
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Marlies T. Gonzalez  
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Jacqui M. Wente  
Special Agent

Bradley D. Wheeler  
Special Agent

Ann C. Wright  
Project Manager

Anthony J. Wysocki  
Program Director

In recognition of outstanding team contributions toward strengthening and improving the Department of Transportation’s stewardship of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program

Federal Highway Administration Preliminary Engineering Oversight Team

Cynthia M. Auburn  
Senior Analyst

Christina Lee  
Visual Communications Specialist

Thomas Denomme  
Project Consultant

David P. Poulcott  
Program Director

Stephen Gruner  
Project Manager

Petra Swartlander  
Senior Statistician

John M. Hannon  
Senior Auditor

Stuart I. Weibel  
Senior Auditor

Anne-Marie C. Jospeh  
Senior Engineer

Danietta Williams  
Senior Analyst

Seth B. Kaufman  
Senior Counsel

In recognition of exemplary service and commendable achievement in identifying several billion dollars in funds that could be put to better use and program weaknesses in the oversight of funds invested in the Nation’s bridges and highways
Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration
IRS Criminal Investigation Civil Forfeiture Review Team

Todd Anderson  
Auditor
Christina Dreyer  
Director

Jeff K. Jones  
Lead Auditor
Matthew Weir  
Assistant Inspector General for Audit

In recognition of the perseverance of the team through significant legal and logistical challenges which resulted in changes to the IRS’s civil forfeiture program that will ensure greater rights for individuals in the IRS’s civil forfeiture process.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Audit of VBA’s Post-9/11 G.I. Bill Tuition and Fee Payments Team

Katharine Brown  
Attorney Advisor
Lee Giesbrecht  
Statistician
Milan Gokaldas  
Management Analyst
Gurpreet Kaur  
Auditor
Janet Mah  
Director
John Panzullo  
Auditor

Kelly Perry  
Management Analyst
Corina Riba  
Manager
Daniel Rico  
Auditor
Jimmy Sembiring  
Management Analyst
Michael Tomasello  
Auditor
Nelvy Viguera Butler  
Statistician

In recognition of the team’s exemplary contribution to account for and recover $2.3 billion worth of potential improper payments and missed recoupments, ensuring the integrity of VA’s Post 9/11 G.I. Bill Program.

Audit of Veteran Wait Time Data, Choice Access, and Consult Management in VISN 6 Team

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Management Analyst
Kalli Anello  
Management Analyst
Stephen Bracci  
Manager
Nilda Bueno  
Auditor
Matthew Byrne  
Management Analyst
Katherine Clay  
Management Analyst

Glenn Dawkins  
Management Analyst
Kevin Day  
Auditor
William Diaz  
Auditor
Marisa Fantasia  
Management Analyst
Michael Fleak  
Auditor
Lee Giesbrecht  
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In recognition of the team's remarkable efforts in identifying delays and significant issues in veterans' access to care within Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 6 and managing this highly visible initiative with stringent timelines constraints.

**EVALUATIONS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE**

**U.S. Department of Defense**

Diane H. Stetler  
*Project Manager*

In recognition of ingenuity, hard work, and exceptional performance in the development of the CIGIE I&E Peer Review Guide and the development of the CIGIE I&E Peer Review training.

**DoD Nuclear Enterprise Governance Evaluation Team**

David C. Flint  
*Team Lead*  

Shayla Hassan  
*Program Analyst*  

Charles C. Howell  
*Project Manager*  

Sean Mitchell  
*Deputy Assistant Inspector General*  

In recognition of ingenuity, hard work, and exceptional performance during the DoD Nuclear Enterprise Governance evaluation.
Defense Intelligence Agency  
Insider Threat Program Evaluation Team  

Dawn R. Allison  
Inspector  

Jeannine M. Juhnke  
Inspection Supervisor Manager  

Tanya D. Manglona  
Team Lead  

Charles S. Turpin  
Inspector  

In recognition of outstanding achievement in reducing risk and improving performance  

Federal Housing Finance Agency  

David P. Bloch  
Senior Investigative Counsel  

In recognition of outstanding service to the taxpayers in safeguarding their investment in Fannie Mae  

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Child Care and Development Fund Team  

Margot Adams  
Social Science Research Analyst (former employee)  

Tara Bernabe  
Deputy Regional Inspector General  

Tyler Daniels  
Management Analyst (former employee)  

Tanaz Dutia  
Social Science Research Analyst  

Althea Hosein  
Mathematical Statistician  

Maria Johnson  
Social Science Research Analyst  

Mary Kahn  
Media Relations Specialist (former employee)  

Conswelia McCourt  
Social Science Research Analyst  

Karolina Pater  
Social Science Research Analyst  

Linda Ragone  
Regional Inspector General  

Jacqualine Reid  
Social Science Research Analyst  

Marcia Sayer  
Senior Advisor  

Melicia Seay  
Management Analyst  

Amy Sernyak  
Social Science Research Analyst  

Jessica Swanstrom  
IT Specialist  

Stefanie Vance  
Social Science Research Analyst  

Sherri Weinstein  
Program Analyst (former employee)  

Tesia Williams  
Director, Media Communications  

In recognition of exemplary work to develop an innovative evaluation and a creative outreach approach highlighting program integrity vulnerabilities in the Child Care and Development Fund program  

U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Address Challenges in Counterterrorism Information Sharing  

Todd Anderson  
Assistant Regional Audit Manager, DOJ OIG  

Amy Burns  
Lead Inspector
In recognition of the joint team’s exceptional efforts to identify and address challenges in counterterrorism information sharing among components of the ODNI, DHS, DOJ, and state and local entities.

**U.S. Department of Justice**

Review of the Federal Bureau of Prisons’ Contraband Interdiction Efforts Team

Juan P. Abon  
*Program Analyst*

Jan E. Hamm  
*Senior Program Analyst*

In recognition of exceptional performance in the evaluation of the Federal Bureau of Prisons’ efforts to prevent the introduction of dangerous contraband into federal prisons.

Review of the Federal Bureau of Prisons’ Reimbursement Rates for Outside Medical Care Team

Tanique D. Carter  
*Program Analyst*

Michael Chang  
*Program Analyst*

In recognition of the nominees’ exemplary work in identifying at least nearly $100 million that the Federal Bureau of Prisons could save annually in inmate health care by reimbursing for such treatment at the Medicare rate.

**National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency**

NGA Globe Storytelling for Inspection Team

Nathan J. Deahl  
*Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Inspections*

Dale H. Hutchinson  
*Assistant Inspector General for Inspection (lead inspector)*
Michelle A. Poore  
OIG Legal Counsel

Danny W. Rapert  
Inspector

In recognition of excellence in evaluations of the NGA Globe Storytelling function

National Security Agency  
FISA Amendments Act Special Study Team  
Confidential

In recognition of the FISA Amendments Act (FAA) special study team’s exemplary accomplishments in conducting detailed reviews and testing that assessed NSA’s compliance with the FAA Sections 702, 704, and 705(b) targeting and minimization procedures

Peace Corps  
Peace Corps/Rwanda Country Program Evaluation Team

Jeremy Black  
Assistant Inspector General for Evaluations

Gregory Yeich  
Senior Evaluator

In recognition of the exemplary evaluation of Peace Corps/Rwanda that identified critical improvements needed in the approach to promoting community integration among Volunteers

Small Business Administration  
OIG High Risk 7(a) Loan Review Program Team

Brian Allen  
Program Analyst

Andrew Godfrey  
Auditor

Katie Boutwell  
Audit Manager

Luke Itnyre  
Audit Manager

Andrea Deadwyler  
Director, Credit Programs Audit Group

For excellence in identifying improvement opportunities for the oversight of 7(a) loans that will promote efficiency and reduce risk to taxpayers

U.S. Department of State  
Inspection of the Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration

Arne Baker  
Supervisory Senior Inspector

Marc Desjardins  
Political Inspector

Robert Beecroft  
Senior Inspector

Richard English  
Supervisory Senior Inspector

John Bush  
Security Inspector

Leo Hession  
Management Inspector

Eric Chavera  
Information Management Inspector

Tanya Manglona  
Information Management Inspector
In recognition of extraordinary efforts in the identification of serious data vulnerabilities in the Department’s Worldwide Refugee Admissions Processing System

Tennessee Valley Authority
TVA OIG Organizational Effectiveness Team

Lindsay Denny
Senior Auditor
Lisa Hammer
Organizational Effectiveness Director
Noel Kawado
Senior Auditor
Jessica Monroe
Senior Auditor

In recognition of the unique work of the Tennessee Valley Authority OIG’s Organizational Effectiveness team and the training team members have provided across the CIGIE community

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Drug Pricing Compliance Team

Marci Anderson
Auditor
Mark Myers
Director
Gary Petrovich
Manager

In recognition of exceptional work that led to the recovery of $19.8 million in overpayments and the withdrawal of a $10 million claim against the Government from a pharmaceutical manufacturer for a total monetary benefit of $29.8 million

Review of Claims-Related Documents Pending Destruction at VA Regional Offices Team

Kristine Abramo
Benefits Inspector
Ed Akitomo
Benefits Inspector
Jason Boyd
Manager
George Boyer
Auditor
Orlan Braman
Benefits Inspector
Daphne Brantley
Benefits Inspector
Nilda Bueno
Auditor
Brett Byrd
Manager
Bridget Byrd
Benefits Inspector
Matthew Byrne
Auditor
Robert Campbell  
*Benefits Inspector*

Dennis Capps  
*Auditor*

John Cintolo  
*Auditor*

Cherelle Claiborne  
*Auditor*

Dustin Clark  
*Auditor*

Marci Davis  
*Auditor*

Glenn Dawkins  
*Auditor*

Sophia Demco  
*Auditor*

Michael Derick  
*Auditor*

Clenes Duhon  
*Auditor*

Yolanda Dunmore  
*Benefits Inspector*

Michelle Elliott  
*Benefits Inspector*

Chris Enders  
*Auditor*

Ramon Figueroa  
*Manager*

Maryann Fitzgerald  
*Auditor*

Kyle Flannery  
*Benefits Inspector*

Nathan Fong  
*Auditor*

Robin Frazier  
*Auditor*

Kevin Gibbons  
*Auditor*

Lee Giesbrecht  
*Statistician*

Milan Gokaldas  
*Auditor*

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*Auditor*

Glen Gowans  
*Auditor*

Tyler Hargreaves  
*Benefits Inspector*

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Wen Hsu  
*Benefits Inspector*

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*Benefits Inspector*

Russell Lewis  
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Suzanne Love  
*Benefits Inspector*

Sean Lupten  
*Auditor*

Jamillah Mallory  
*Auditor*

Johnny McCray  
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Jeffrey Myers  
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*Manager*

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*Auditor*

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*Auditor*

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*Manager*

Jose Salazar  
*Auditor*

Eric Sanford  
*Auditor*

Michael Schiltz  
*Auditor*

Jimmy Sembiring  
*Auditor*

Charanprett Singh  
*Auditor*
In recognition of outstanding work exposing ineffective controls and shredding policy violations, leading to a bipartisan, bicameral briefing convened to ensure the safeguard of claims-related documents against improper destruction

Review of VBA’s Special Monthly Compensation Housebound Benefits Team

Brett Byrd
Manager

Jeffrey Myers
Manager

In recognition of the team’s significant contributions to ensuring our nation’s veterans receive accurate and timely special monthly compensation housebound benefits

GOVERNMENT ETHICS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

U.S. Department of Transportation

Richard M. McGrade
Senior Special Agent

In recognition of outstanding efforts in the investigation of corruption, self-dealing, and theft at the United States Merchant Marine Academy

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Federal Reserve Board
Evaluation of the Board’s Oversight of Cybersecurity Threats to Financial Institutions

Stefanie Carr
Editor

Joshua Dieckert
Project Lead

Andrew Gibson
OIG Manager

Melissa Heist
Associate Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations
Rebecca Kenyon  
*IT Auditor*

Brent Melson  
*Senior OIG Manager*

Michael Olukoya  
*Auditor*

Laura Polly  
*Lead Communications Analyst*

Laura Shakarji  
*OIG Manager*

Eric Shapiro  
*Auditor*

Peter Sheridan  
*Assistant Inspector General for Information Technology*

Michael VanHuyse  
*Senior OIG Manager*

In recognition of significant contributions to strengthen the Board's oversight of cybersecurity threats to the nation’s financial institutions.

**Social Security Administration**  
*The mySocial Security Authentication Review Team*

Jeffrey Brown  
*Director, Information Technology Audit Division*

Faisal Khan  
*Auditor, Information Technology Audit Division*

Carol Johnson  
*Senior Auditor, Information Technology Audit Division*

Mary Ellen Moyer  
*Audit Manager, Information Technology Audit Division*

In recognition of their instrumental efforts in compelling the Social Security Administration (SSA) to reevaluate its user authentication process for its mySocial Security portal and strengthen controls over access to the Agency’s online systems.

**INVESTIGATIONS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE**

**U.S. Agency for International Development**  
*USAID OIG Afghanistan Investigation Team*

Seth Flinchbaugh  
*Special Agent*

Elijah Kirtman  
*Special Agent*

In recognition of extreme bravery and dedication to duty to aggressively prevent future U.S. foreign assistance from funding terrorist organizations.

**U.S. Department of Commerce**  
*Patent Examiner Time and Attendance Abuse Team*

Mikhail Batkhan  
*IT Specialist*

Stephen Ravas  
*Special Investigative*

Melanie Danberg  
*Supervisory Program Analyst*

Peter Sima-Eichler  
*Lead Statistician*

Mark Greenblatt  
*Assistant Inspector General*

In recognition of exemplary efforts in the use of data analytics to investigate and identify patent examiner time and attendance abuse that identified over $18 million in potential waste over a 15-month period.
U.S. Department of Defense
The Southwest Asia Procurement Fraud Investigative Team

Mike Alexander
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Trial Attorney, DOJ

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Special Agent, U.S. Army CID

Timothy Baker
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T.J. Welch  
Special Agent, DCIS

James White  
Special Agent, SIGIR

Harold Wilson  
Special Agent, SIGIR

Wendy Wingers  
Special Agent, U.S. Army CID

In recognition of tireless effort over ten years to thoroughly investigate and prosecute complex procurement fraud in DoD contracting activities in Southwest Asia

Defense Intelligence Agency

Lisa S. Perez  
Investigator

In recognition of conducting a high quality contract fraud investigation

U.S. Department of Education

FastTrain College Investigation Team

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Investigative Analyst, Technology Crimes Division

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Investigative Analyst, Technology Crimes Division

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Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge, Investigation Services

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Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge, Investigation Services

In recognition of the exemplary investigative efforts that resulted in a landmark civil judgment and criminal prosecution of the owner and 6 employees of FastTrain College for defrauding the government of more than $4.1 million in Federal student aid

U.S. Department of Energy

Hanford Nuclear Waste Treatment Plant Product Substitution Fraud Team

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Trial Attorney, DOJ

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Special Agent

Karrissa Otero  
Special Agent

Trevor Pearson  
Special Agent

Katherine B. Smith  
Trial Attorney, DOJ

Tyler H.L. Tornabene  
Assistant U.S. Attorney
In recognition of the extraordinary perseverance exhibited by this team to resolve false statements and claims made by one of the Department’s largest contractors that jeopardized critical nuclear infrastructure at the Hanford Waste Treatment Plant.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
The First State Bank of Altus Investigation

K. McKenzie Anderson
Assistant U.S. Attorney, Western District of Oklahoma

Esteban Santana
Special Agent

Chris M. Stephens
Assistant U.S. Attorney, Western District of Oklahoma

In recognition of uncovering a multi-million dollar fraud scheme at First State Bank of Altus.

Federal Housing Finance Agency
Investigation of Cay Clubs Condominium

David Capizola
Special Agent

Luis Delgado
Paralegal Specialist, U.S. Attorney’s Office

Jerrobb Duffy
Assistant U.S. Attorney

James V. Hayes
Assistant U.S. Attorney

Alison W. Lehr
Assistant U.S. Attorney

Michael Padula
Trial Attorney, Special Assistant U.S. Attorney (former employee)

Joseph Perrea
Special Agent, IRS-CI

Thomas A. Watts-FitzGerald
Assistant U.S. Attorney

In recognition for your outstanding efforts and pursuit of a complex fraud/Ponzi scheme case resulting in the prosecution of four Cay Clubs executives who defrauded financial institutions, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and investors, in excess of $300 million.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Life Care Centers of America Investigative Team

Jennifer Aldrich
Assistant U.S. Attorney

Sarah Arni
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Michael Cohen
General Investigator

Christopher Covington
Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge

Donna Davis
Investigator, U.S. Attorney’s Office

Jessica Elliot
Assistant U.S. Attorney
In recognition of hard work and dedication that resulted in a $145 million settlement agreement with Life Care Centers of America that protected patients from abuse and neglect in nursing home settings.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
FEMA Grant Applications - New Orleans Resident Office

In recognition of exceptional investigative achievements by uncovering and halting an individual intent on defrauding the United States for personal gain by filing fraudulent FEMA grant applications.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Steven Hameed, et al. Team
In recognition of the team’s outstanding efforts and contributions related to the successful multi-agency criminal investigation and prosecution of multiple defendants in the Steven Hameed et al. criminal case.

Intelligence Community
Department of Energy/Intelligence Community

Christopher Burris
Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge

Geoff Guska
Investigator

Kurt Hafer
Special Agent

SA Hafer, Investigator Guska, and ASAC Burris distinguished themselves in pursuing a major fraud case involving cutting-edge complex scientific concepts. Their efforts directly protect U.S. investment in quantum computing critical to national security.

U.S. Department of Justice
United States vs. David Bernier

David Berry
Special Agent

Amber T. Howell
Senior Special Agent

In recognition of the successful investigation and prosecution of a retired U.S. Air Force officer for submitting multiple forged and altered documents to a DOJ-administered program in an attempt to obtain over $700,000 in funds.

U.S. Department of Labor
United States vs. Larry Washington et al./Mind Spa Investigation and Prosecution Team

Melanie Barnett
Special Agent

Jennifer Bray
Special Assistant U.S. Attorney

Nicole Dana
Assistant U.S. Attorney

Angela Erle
Special Agent

John Martinez
Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge

Philip Meitl
Assistant U.S. Attorney

Cynthia Roberts
Special Agent

Kyle Shipp
Special Agent

In recognition of outstanding collaborative efforts leading to 28 convictions and 6 debarments in a $10 million health care fraud scheme for fraudulently billing the U.S. Department of Labor’s Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs.
National Science Foundation
Investigation and Prosecution Team (Zhao/Agiltron)

Mike Balestra  
Special Agent, DHS/HSI

Deana El-Mallawany  
Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Massachusetts

David Gadren  
Special Agent, DOE OIG

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Special Agent, DCIS

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Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Massachusetts

Patrick Ormond  
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Mike Pritchard  
Special Agent, NSF OIG

Erik Saracino  
Special Agent, NASA OIG

Pamela Van Dort  
Investigative Attorney, NSF OIG

Jamie Wiroll  
Special Agent, DHS/HSI

In recognition of the outstanding commitment, dedication, initiative, and teamwork demonstrated in the successful investigation of Jing Zhao and Agiltron, Inc.

U.S. Postal Service
St. Louis Network Distribution Center Narcotics Investigation

Gregory Burwell  
Special Agent

Rodney Crouch  
Special Agent

James Davis  
Technical Operations Officer

Stephen DeLuca  
Special Agent

Kristine Ferrario  
Special Agent

Anthony Franks  
Assistant U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of Missouri

Jordan Hilliard  
Missouri State Highway Patrol

Warren Long  
Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge

Ellen Massey  
Special Agent (retired)

Robert Redman  
Special Agent

In recognition of the efforts of USPS OIG Investigators, an Assistant U.S. Attorney, and a Missouri State Trooper who responded to allegations of narcotics trafficking and theft of mail at a U.S. postal facility by current and former employees.

Social Security Administration
Dr. Fernando Mendez-Villamil Investigative Team

Giovanna Angulo  
Investigator, Florida Medicaid Fraud Control Unit

Catherina Birkland  
Special Agent, HSI
In recognition for their work in an investigation which revealed falsified medical records for more than 3,000 disability claims with the Social Security Administration, of which more than 1,700 were approved and benefits paid

Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction
Fuel Theft Investigation Team

Emily W. Allen
Trial Attorney, DOJ
Joseph G. Barlow
Special Agent
Daniel P. Butler
Trial Attorney, DOJ
Lisa M. Corcoran
Suspension and Debarment Attorney
Philip G. Cousin
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Jon W. Cronan
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Mark H. Dubester
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Michael M. Earnest
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Special Agent
Kraig Graham
Special Agent, DCIS
Karl N. Johnson
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Michael Morrison
Special Agent
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Special Agent, U.S. Army Criminal Investigations Division, Major Procurement Fraud Unit
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Darrell C. Valdez
Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Columbia
Albert M. Wiesner
Special Agent, DCIS
Melanie Wolfe
Captain U.S. Army, Tank Automotive Command, Life Cycle Management Command

In recognition of exemplary team performance by 21 special agents, investigators, and attorneys who investigated theft of 700,000 gallons of fuel in Afghanistan, resulting in over $5 million of court-ordered restitution and civil monetary settlement
Tennessee Valley Authority
Relocation Fraud Investigation Team

Kyle Cox
Senior Special Agent

Bart Slabbekorn
Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office,
Eastern District of Tennessee

Laura Slatton
Special Agent, DOE OIG

In recognition of the Relocation Fraud Investigative Team's exceptional efforts in investigating subcontractor fraud, resulting in a Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 287, Criminal False Claims conviction and $116,493.70 in restitution

U.S. Department of the Treasury

Jacob Heminger
Special Agent

In recognition of exemplary investigative passion and tenacity leading to the conviction of an identity thief who conducted multiple email scams in order to receive illegal Treasury checks

U.S. Department of Transportation
Pacific Gas and Electric Prosecution Team

Patricia M. Cassidy
Special Agent

Nicholas A. Coates
Senior Counsel

Bradley F. Dunn
Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge

Sandra Flores
Special Agent

Lisa A. Glazzy
Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge

James Haggarty
Detective

Hallie Hoffman
Assistant U.S. Attorney

Philip Kopczynski
Assistant U.S. Attorney

Richard Maher
Inspector

Zurvohn A. Maloof
Special Agent

Denise Oki
Paralegal

Jeffrey Schenk
Assistant U.S. Attorney

Hartley West
Assistant U.S. Attorney

In recognition of outstanding investigative achievement in protecting the integrity of Department of Transportation programs and operations
**LAW AND LEGISLATION AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE**

**Social Security Administration**

Ranju Shrestha  
Attorney

*In recognition of her long-sustained, multi-faceted contributions to the development, analysis, refinement, and implementation of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 (BBA) Pub L. 114–74, achieving highly leveraged impact on the OIG community*

**MULTIPLE DISCIPLINES AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE**

**U.S. Department of Defense**

Operation Inherent Resolve and Operation Freedom’s Sentinel  
Inspectors General Comprehensive Site Visit Support Team

Jessica Abenstein  
*Special Agent, USAID OIG*

Courtney Babcock  
*Program Officer, USAID*

Kevin Berger  
*Special Agent, Department of State*

Jessie L. Cameron  
*Logistics Management Specialist, DoD OIG*

Samantha (Sam) Carter  
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*DART Team Lead, USAID*

Patrick Dickriede  
*Audit Manager, Department of State*

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*Special Agent, USAID OIG*

Gina Fogarty  
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*Director, USAID*

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Wendy L. Milonovich  
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Anthony Morgan  
*Special Agent, Department of State*

Dena Nevarez  
*Executive Assistant, Department of State OIG*
In recognition of distinguished achievement in planning and supporting the first comprehensive site visit of Inspectors General to Afghanistan, Iraq, and Jordan in support of the Lead Inspector General oversight mission

U.S. Department of Education
Misuse of FSA ID and Personal Authentication Service Management Information Report Team

In recognition of the team’s exceptional work in protecting students and preventing fraud by proactively identifying and reporting deficiencies within the FSA Identification and Personal Authentication Service systems

General Services Administration
CA Inc. Settlement Team

In recognition of outstanding work on a complex False Claims Act case that resulted in a $45 million recovery for the United States

Richard J. Okiishi
Special Assistant, DoD OIG

Daniel Oliver-Smith
Program Analyst, USAID OIG

James Pollard
Division Director, Department of State

Lisa Robinson
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Jacob Rutz
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In the years that followed passage of these two Acts, Senator Glenn remained a staunch proponent of better governance when he brought

about other legislation of particular interest to the Inspectors General. He was one of the original cosponsors for the Whistleblower Protection


and increase accountability. With these shared ideals, John Glenn stood decisively with the Inspectors General.

His subsequent actions in the Senate are a further testament to his support for the Inspectors General. For a Senate hearing on the twentieth

anniversary of the Inspector General Act of 1978 and the roles of the Inspectors General, Senator Glenn submitted a prepared statement that

described the difficulties facing the Inspectors General and their resolve to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse. He highlighted their recent savings

for the taxpayer, using his respected voice to draw attention to the achievements of our community of professionals.

In one of his last sponsored legislative acts in the Senate, he befittingly introduced on October 1, 1998, a joint resolution, which later

became law, to recognize the accomplishments of the Offices of Inspector General and to commend the workforce for their dedication and

professionalism.

Even after retiring from the Senate, John Glenn’s support and admiration for the Federal Inspectors General never waned. To commemorate

the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Inspector General Act of 1978, he graciously appeared in a public service announcement video for the

President’s Council on Integrity and Efficiency and the Executive Council on Integrity and Efficiency, which were predecessors to our current

Council. Also in celebration of that anniversary of the Inspector General Act of 1978, Senator Glenn wrote an article for the fall/winter 2003

edition of the Journal of Public Inquiry in which he offered his personal insights and efforts into passing that vital legislation. In both instances,

his sincere reverence for the Inspectors General was clear.

On the legislative front, Senator Glenn was active as recently as July 2015 when he wrote an influential letter to senior members of Congress

involved in drafting the Inspector General Empowerment Act. He urged them to take action on issues affecting the Inspectors General, most

notably independent access rights to records. The timing of his passing was a poignant reminder of his Inspector General legacy: Congress

approved the Inspector General Empowerment Act of 2016 two days after Senator Glenn passed, and the President signed that Act into law

eight days after America lost one of its greatest icons.

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