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Acting Deputy Director for Management  
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CIGIE Awards Program Co-Chair  
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John Miller
Senior Correspondent, CBS News

John Miller was named a senior correspondent for CBS News on Oct. 17, 2011. In this capacity, Mr. Miller reports for all CBS News platforms and broadcasts, including “CBS This Morning,” “CBS Evening News with Scott Pelley,” and occasionally for “60 Minutes.”

Beginning in 2005, Mr. Miller served in the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, ending his tour as Deputy Director of the Analysis Division. Mr. Miller worked across the Intelligence Community with the CIA, NSA, FBI, and other agencies.

Before joining the FBI, he served from 2003 to 2005 as head of the Counterterrorism and Criminal Intelligence Bureau and the Major Crimes Division of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), overseeing both the LAPD’s Major Crimes Division, Hazardous Materials Unit and its Bomb Squad.

In 2002, Mr. Miller, along with co-authors Michael Stone and Chris Mitchell, wrote “The Cell: Inside the 9/11 Plot” and “Why the FBI and CIA Failed to Stop It”, an investigation into the September 11 attacks, which drew on relationships developed with intelligence and law enforcement officers in the many years he spent as a journalist covering Al Qaeda as it grew into a global terrorist operation.

From 1995 to 2002, Mr. Miller was an ABC news correspondent. In 2002, he became co-anchor of the ABC News broadcast “20/20.” In 1998, he secured an on-camera interview with Osama bin Laden. His diligent investigative reporting over his career earned him nine Emmy Awards, two Peabody Awards, and an Alfred I. duPont-Columbia Award.

Message from the Chair and the Vice Chair

Welcome to the annual awards ceremony of the Inspector General community and of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency. We are privileged to be here today to recognize the range of accomplishments of our member agencies.

Public service is a rewarding and noble calling. Today we honor those in our community who have distinguished themselves in their endeavors and who have contributed to the well-being of the Nation. In so many ways, our community of dedicated people touches the life of every American every day—from meeting such basic human needs as food, shelter, and medical care; to creating a strong economy and infrastructure with access to education, arts, and science; to strengthening America’s position at home and abroad.

And so, we congratulate this year’s winners, who exemplify the best in public service. You have been chosen by your peers for your dedication, leadership, and hard work. You have taken risks, persevered, partnered with others, and faced unforeseen challenges. Thank you for everything you have done for the American people.

Phyllis K. Fong
Chairperson

Lynne A. McFarland
Vice Chairperson
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 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.

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Paul Broxterman
Special Agent

A victim of the Oklahoma City Bombing, Special Agent Paul Broxterman was the first HUD OIG agent killed in the line of duty. He was in his office at the Alfred Murrah Federal Building, which was destroyed on April 19, 1995.

Abdon Cabello
Special Agent

Abdon Cabello, a criminal investigator, collapsed and died suddenly on Monday, April 5, 1999, during physical training at the Basic Criminal Investigator Program at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Glynco, Georgia. He was 37 years old.
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 Federal 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 Justice
Operation Fast and Furious Team

Christopher P. Degnan
Special Agent

Jason R. Higley
Senior Special Agent

S. Randall Humm
Investigative Counsel

Allen W. Levy
Investigative Counsel

Jonathan A. Marks
Investigative Counsel

Julie K. McConnell
Investigative Counsel

M. Sean O’Neill
Deputy Assistant Inspector General

Valencia E. Philyaw
Paralegal Specialist

Helen Anne Listerman
Investigative Counsel

In recognition of the team’s exemplary efforts in completing a review of two significant firearms trafficking investigations—Operations Wide Receiver and Fast and Furious conducted by the ATF and the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Arizona

GASTON L. GIANNI, JR. BETTER GOVERNMENT AWARD

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Organic Fertilizer Investigation Team

Patricia M. Cassidy
Special Agent

Erika D. Marin
Special Agent

Alejandro Quintero
Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge

Kirk E. Sherriff
Assistant United States Attorney,
Eastern District of California

Leif T. Sirman
Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigations

Colleen C. Villegas
Special Agent

Sharon A. Yamaguchi
Special Agent

In recognition of the courage and ingenuity demonstrated during an investigation that helped restore the integrity of USDA’s National Organic Program by stopping a fraudulent organic fertilizer scheme
Glenn/Roth Award for Exemplary Service

U.S. Department of Defense
Combating Trafficking in Persons Team

Kayode Bamgbade
Technical Analyst

Lloyd Blackmon
DoD Contracts Advisor

Stephen V. Chiusano
Team Leader

James E. Davis
DoD Contracts Advisor

Andrew Fechhelm
Associate General Counsel

Patricia Goodin
Senior Technical Analyst

Michael R. Herbaugh
Senior Technical Analyst

Robert Keating
Military Advisor

David King
Senior Technical Analyst

George P. Marquardt
Project Manager

Michael McClellan
Senior Technical Analyst

Timothy Reutter
Technical Analyst

Gregory Sampson
Technical Analyst

In recognition of exceptional performance assessing DoD efforts to combat trafficking in persons, specifically those which may occur as a consequence of DoD contracts, in response to Congressional concerns

Sentner Award for Dedication and Courage

Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction

Peter S. Hughes
Special Agent

In recognition of courage and uncommon selflessness in detecting contractor fraud that caused widespread security vulnerabilities and enabled roadside bombings in Afghanistan
**June Gibbs Brown Career Achievement Award**

U.S. Department of the Treasury
Joel Grover
Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Financial Management and IT Audits (Retired)

*In Recognition of Mr. Grover’s Many Years of Exemplary Service to Improve Federal Financial Management*

**Award for Individual Accomplishment**

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Abigail Cummings
Chief, Advice Branch

*In recognition of exemplary, sustained, and dedicated service to the mission of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency through vision and leadership in shaping and interpreting mission-critical legal authorities*
COUNCIL OF INSPECTORS GENERAL ON FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT WORKING GROUP

A. Roy Lavik, Inspector General
Commodity Futures Trading Commission

Antonio Baptiste
Senior Auditor

Edward Kelley
Acting Assistant Inspector General for Audits

Judy Ringle
Attorney/Advisor

Jon T. Rymer, Inspector General
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Stephen Beard
Deputy Inspector General for Audits and Evaluations

Arlene Boateng
Senior Audit Specialist

Mark Mulholland
Assistant Inspector General for Audits

Leslee Bollea
Congressional Relations Director

Adriana Rojas
Associate Counsel

Daniel Craven
Senior IT Specialist

Teresa Supples
Office Support Specialist

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Counsel to the Inspector General

Sharon Tushin
Senior Communications Manager

Fred Gibson
Deputy Inspector General

Margaret Wolf
Supervisory Auditor

Steve Linick, Inspector General
Federal Housing Finance Agency

Brian Baker
Deputy Chief Counsel

Brent Melson
Director, Information Management

Andrew Gegor
Auditor

Russell Rau
Deputy Inspector General for Audits
In recognition of outstanding collaborative efforts to identify the security gaps in non-public information-sharing among members of the Financial Stability Oversight Council.
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Awards for Excellence
**Administrative Support Award for Excellence**

Federal Housing Finance Agency  
FHFA-OIG Office of Administration

David A. Bonorchis  
Information Technology Specialist

Roberto F. Ecarma  
Financial Specialist

Patrick L. Krepen  
Budget Analyst

Deborah M. Mason  
Director, Human Resources Management

T. Scott Mitchell  
Administrative Programs Specialist

Ivy D. Porter  
Senior Human Resources Specialist

Tammy M. Ross  
Human Resources Specialist

Adam D. Silverman  
Deputy Inspector General for Administration

Steve Smarr  
Information Technology Specialist

Kristin E. Sneed  
Director, Budget and Financial Management

John D. Sutherland  
Senior Human Resources Specialist

Brian E. Terhaar  
Director, Administrative Services

Alexis L. Tune  
Administrative Programs Assistant

Josui Watson  
Equal Employment Opportunity Specialist

Christopher S. Webber  
Chief Information Officer

Betty W. Wong  
Program Analyst

In recognition of extraordinary team commitment and leadership in establishing the FHFA-OIG Office of Administration that consistently provides comprehensive, high quality, high functioning services and support.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Janice L. Chiverton  
Director, Human Resources Director, NASA Office of Inspector General (former)

In recognition of exemplary commitment and vision in developing proactive Human Capital solutions to support NASA OIG and the CIGIE community.
AUDIT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Agency for International Development
USAID/Afghanistan Incentives Driving Economic Alternatives-North, East, and West Audit Team

Nathan Lokos
Director, OIG/Afghanistan (former)

Clare Sabo
Auditor

Augusto Urrego
Lead Auditor

In recognition of exceptional audit work leading to improvements in mission-critical USAID activities in Afghanistan

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Beef Safety Testing Team

Richard Arnold
Senior Auditor

Michael Martin
Supervisory Writer-Editor, Writing and Publications Division

James A. Eason
Auditor

Joseph Mickiewicz
Director, Food, Nutrition, Marketing and Development Division

Larry Ellis
Assistant Director

Jeffrey Nowak
Assistant Director, Food, Nutrition, Marketing and Development Division

Adam Halperin
Auditor

Ronda Price
Director

Jeff Harpenau
Senior Auditor

Derek Repp
Auditor

Christopher M. Harris
Auditor

Steve Rickrode
Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audit

Ralph Leeper
Senior Auditor

In recognition of the audit team’s exemplary work to increase the safety of American beef by identifying and helping to correct weaknesses in the Food Safety and Inspection Services’ E. coli sampling protocol
Controls over the Grant Management Process of the Office of Advocacy and Outreach

Dorothy Alley
Assistant Director, Farm, Trade, Research, and Environmental Division

Rodney DeSmet
Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audit

Ernest Hayashi
Director, Farm, Trade, Research, and Environmental Division

Donte Jones
Auditor

Paul T. Keating
Director

Turon Kendrick
Auditor

James Myers
Senior Auditor

Yarisis Rivera-Rojas
Assistant Director

In recognition of the team’s efforts to evaluate the grant management process used to award FY2012 Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Rancher grants and ensure that the most meritorious and deserving applicants received funds.

Amtrak

Amtrak Office of the Inspector General Audit Team

Jana Brodsky
Senior Auditor

Satish Parikh
Senior Auditor

Daniel Krueger
Senior Director

Raymond Zhang
Senior Auditor

In recognition of an exemplary achievement that included identifying over $91 million in overpayments and recommending the necessary corrective actions to improve Amtrak’s invoice-review process.

U.S. Department of Defense

G222 Audit Team

Sarah M. Beckwith
Auditor

Kendall A. Miller
Auditor

Randall M. Critchlow
Auditor

Helen Scalf
Auditor

Christopher A. DePerro
Audit Team Leader

Daniel Ulas
Auditor

Shelly M. Farber
Audit Team Leader

Kenneth B. VanHove
Audit Program Director

Carrie A. Wade
Audit Project Manager

In Recognition of Exceptional Performance by the Cleveland Audit Team during their Audit of the Cost and Availability of Spare Parts for the G222
Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Audit Team

Shaneen Beamish  
Team Leader  
James Kornides  
Program Director  
Keila Pagan-Fortis  
Statistician 

Lusk Penn  
Statistician  
Eric Thacker  
Project Manager  
Amber White  
Auditor  

In recognition of excellence in the Audit of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business

U.S. Department of Energy  
Washington & Pittsburgh Audit Groups

Eric Anderson  
Central Audits Assistant Division Director  
Amy Campbell  
Auditor-in-Charge, Pittsburgh Audit Group  
Sonya Cerne  
Team Leader, Washington DC Audit Group  
Michael D’Antonio  
Auditor-in-Charge, Pittsburgh Technology Audit Group 

Andrew Morgan  
Auditor, Washington DC Audit Group  
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Auditor, Oak Ridge Audit Group  
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Central Audits Division Director  
Veronica Rutt  
Team Leader, Pittsburgh Audit Group 

Sean Strauman  
Auditor-in-Charge, Pittsburgh Audit Group  
Tori Kaufman  
Auditor, Washington DC Audit Group  
Katie Kimmel  
Auditor, Washington DC Audit Group  
Tara Lewis  
Central Audits Assistant Division Director 

In recognition of outstanding audit work which identified program weaknesses and necessary improvements in the Department of Energy’s monitoring and oversight of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 grants and cooperative agreements
Environmental Protection Agency  
EPA OIG Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board Audit Team

Michael D. Davis  
Director, Efficiency Audits, Office of Audit

Vanessa Rodriguez-Moya  
Auditor, Efficiency Audits, Office of Audit

Anthony Grear  
Auditor, Efficiency Audits, Office of Audit

Gail Saunders  
Project Manager, Efficiency Audits, Office of Audit

Laura Polly  
Editor, Office of Congressional and Public Affairs

Myka Sparrow  
Auditor, Financial Audits, Office of Audit

Gloria Taylor-Upshaw  
Project Manager, Efficiency Audits, Office of Audit

In recognition of the audit team’s significant effort, contribution and extraordinary achievement in assisting CSB in its efforts to protect the general public health and environment through improved safety recommendation processes.

Federal Housing Finance Agency  
Audit Report Team for FHFA’s Oversight of the Enterprises’ Management of High-Risk Seller/Servicers

Cairo J. Carr  
Senior Auditor

Damon M. Jackson  
Senior Auditor

Alisa J. Davis  
Audit Director

Drew W. Smith  
Audit Manager

Chau L. Dinh  
Audit Manager

Darryl G. Stephens  
Senior Writer-Editor

In recognition of outstanding audit accomplishments in support of contingency planning for mortgage lenders and servicers that pose substantial financial risk to taxpayers.
In recognition of outstanding efforts in connection with a nationwide series of audits of Medicare outpatient services in which the payments exceeded the charges.
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Bartlesville Health Care Center, Inc. Settlement Team

William Cerbone
Attorney

Kenneth Massman
Attorney

Daniel Fruchter
Attorney

William W. Nixon
Assistant Regional Inspector General for Audit

Gerald R. Kirkland
Regional Inspector General for Audit

Tamara Wallinger
Senior Auditor

In recognition of outstanding audit work and resolution that resulted in the government receiving $5.325 million in restitution

U.S. Department of Justice
Audit of the U.S. Department of Justice’s Oversight of Non-Federal Detention Facility Inspections

Todd A. Anderson
Assistant Regional Audit Manager

Elizabeth M. Cuda
Program Analyst

Teka J. Benisrael
Auditor-in-Charge

David S. Laun
Program Manager

Stephen W. Betzner
Program Analyst

Karen L. Montgomery
Auditor

Carol S. Taraszka
Regional Audit Manager

In recognition of the team’s outstanding efforts to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of DOJ’s oversight of non-federal detention facilities inspections
U.S. Department of Labor
Green Jobs Training Outcomes Audit Team

Nadeem Afzal
Auditor

Lora Larterner
Program Analyst

Lawrence Alli
Auditor

Andrew Loomis
Auditor

Ajit Buttar
Statistician

Reza Noorani
Auditor

Mary Louise Casazza
Auditor

Eliacim Nieves Perez
Auditor

Grover Fowler, Jr.
Auditor

Susan Rosenblum
Program Risk Manager

Mitchell Goldberg
IT Specialist

Mark Schwartz
Supervisory Auditor

Cardelia Tsoi
Supervisory Auditor

In recognition of audit excellence in documenting the return on investment and demonstrating the challenges in advancing employment in green jobs under the Department of Labor’s $500 million Recovery Act investment

National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NASA Office of Inspector General Audit Team for Review of NASA’s Explosives Safety Program

Simon Chan
Management Analyst

Raymond Tolomeo
Director, Science and Aeronautics Research Directorate

Noreen Khan-Mayberry, Ph.D.
Technical Evaluator

Ronald M. Yarbrough
Project Manager

Jiang Yun Lu
Team Lead

In recognition of exceptional performance in identifying unsafe conditions and practices in NASA’s Explosives Safety Program
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
The Nuclear Reactor Safety Audit Team

Kevin J. Niemann
Senior Technical Advisor

Jaclyn H. Storch
Audit Manager

Larry J. Weglicki
Senior Auditor

Robert K. Wild
Team Leader

Timothy Wilson
Senior Management Analyst

For exceptional performance in identifying weaknesses in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission’s implementation of a program intended to ensure that new nuclear power plants are constructed in accordance with the licensed design.

Peace Corps
Audit of Peace Corps Tonga

Bradley Grubb
Assistant Inspector General for Audit

Snehal Nanavati
Lead Auditor

In recognition of the significant contributions to enhancing agency controls over cash management, reconciliations, and collections processes at overseas post.

Securities and Exchange Commission
Records Management Team

Julie Marlow
Senior Auditor

Jacqueline Wilson
Assistant Inspector General for Audits

In recognition of exceptional performance in identifying systemic weaknesses in the SEC’s records management program.

Small Business Administration
Audit Team for A Detailed Repayment Ability Analysis is Needed on High-Dollar Early-Defaulted Loans to Prevent Future Improper Payments

Luke Innyre
Audit Manager

Katie Bourwell
Auditor

Terry Settle
Director, Credit Programs Group

For excellence in identifying significant deficiencies and future cost savings in the SBA’s loan purchase process that will prevent tens of millions of dollars in government losses.

Social Security Administration
Improper Payments to Social Security Beneficiaries under the
Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset Team

Diane L. Dona  Leticia A. Lew
Program Analyst  Program Analyst
Cassandra Hall  Joseph I. Robleto
Management Analyst  Audit Manager
Peter W. Johnson  Shirley E. Todd
Attorney  Division Director
William T. Kearns  Randy J. Townsley
IT Specialist  Audit Manager
James J. Klein  Upeksha van der Merwe
Division Director  Auditor
N. Brennan Kraje  Linda A. Webester
Statistician  Senior Auditor

For identifying over $1.7 billion in savings to the Social Security Trust Funds

SSI Program Integrity Review Team

Chad M. Burns  James Kim
Senior Auditor  Senior Analyst
Rajula J. Chandran  N. Brennan Kraje
Senior IT Specialist  Statistician
Lewis A. Dardick  David Mazzola
Attorney-Advisor  Audit Manager
Katie I. Greenwood  Timothy Nee
Senior Auditor  Division Director
Christine A. Hauss  Judith M. Oliveira
Audit Manager  Division Director
Vincent Huang  Alla Resman
Program Analyst  IT Specialist
Kevin M. Joyce  Frank J. Salamone
IT Specialist  Senior Auditor

For identifying millions of dollars in improper payments and recommending improvements for the SSI program
Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction
Afghan National Police Vehicle Maintenance Team

Mia E. Bonarski
Methodologist

Adriel M. Harari
Senior Auditor

Daniel Chen
Senior Program Analyst

Jeffrey Itell
Senior Program Analyst

In recognition of audit excellence in identifying actions for preventing the waste of millions of dollars to maintain destroyed or missing vehicles used by the Afghan National Police

U.S. Department of State
Worldwide Protective Services Contract—Task Order 5
for Baghdad Movement Security Audit Team

Yvonne Athanasaw
Senior Management Analyst, Middle East Region
Operations Directorate, Office of Audits

Kelly Moon
Audit Manager, Middle East Region
Operations Directorate, Office of Audits

Amy Lowenstein
Management Analyst, Middle East Region
Operations Directorate, Office of Audits

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

Lloyd Taylor
Management Analyst,
Middle East Region Operations Directorate, Office of Audits

In recognition of exceptional work in conducting an audit of the Worldwide Protective Services Contract for Baghdad Movement Security that contributed to improved efficiency and contract management and identified about $362 million in cost savings

U.S. Department of Transportation
DOT OIG HTF Solvency Team

Mitch Behm
AIG, Rail, Maritime & Economic Analysis

Yana Hudson
Management & Program Analysis Officer

Jaydeep Borwankar
Supervisory Financial Analyst

Jim Lonergan
Financial Analyst

Michael L. Broadus
Analyst

Susan Neill
Writer-Editor

Kevin Sanders
Financial Analyst

In recognition of significant improvements to DOT’s HTF insolvency forecasting model implemented in response to the Team’s audit recommendations
Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration
Noncash Charitable Contributions Audit Team

Deann L. Baiza
Director
Stephen A. Elix
Auditor
Denise M. Gladson
Auditor

Edward Gorman
Audit Manager (Retired)
Sandra L. Hinton
Senior Auditor
Marcus D. Sloan
Auditor

Lawrence Smith
Senior Auditor (Retired)

In recognition of the Audit Team’s efforts to improve the IRS’s detection and prevention of erroneous claims for noncash charitable contributions

Security and Information Technology Services Operations Directorate’s
Data Center Consolidation Audit Team

Joan M. Bonomi
Senior Auditor

Myron L. Gulley
Senior Auditor

John L. Ledford
Audit Manager

In recognition of their dedication to service and outstanding achievements in reviewing the Internal Revenue Service’s Data Center Consolidation efforts

U.S. Department of the Treasury
Department of the Treasury United States Gold Reserves Held by Federal Reserve Banks Audit Team

Ade Bankole
Manager
Rafael Cumba
Auditor-in-Charge
Rufus Etienne
Senior Auditor
Michael Fitzgerald
Director

Myung Han
Manager
Robert Hong
Auditor
Mark Levitt
Manager
Alicia Weber
Auditor

Catherine Yi
Manager

In recognition of the first ever audit of the United States Gold Reserves Held by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
National Cemetery Administration’s Internal Gravesite Review  
of Headstone and Marker Placement Audit Team

Alicia Castillo-Flores  
Auditor in Charge

Cynnde Nielsen  
Auditor

Joseph DeAntonis  
Audit Manager

Cherie Palmer  
Director

Kevin Gibbons  
Auditor

Maria Stone  
Auditor

Lee Giesbrecht  
Director, Statistical Operations

Nelvy Viguera Butler  
Statistician

Ora Young  
Auditor

In recognition of significant contributions made by the VA Office of Inspector General to ensure Veterans resting in VA’s National Cemeteries are properly honored for their service to our Nation

Evaluations Award for Excellence

Amtrak  
Amtrak Office of Inspector General Evaluation Team

John L. Skip MacMichael  
Principal Operations Analyst

Carl Manora  
Lead Evaluator

Jason Venner  
Senior Director

In recognition of a significant achievement that alerted Amtrak management to a potential threat to public safety, the rising use of drugs, and alcohol by employees in safety sensitive positions and prompted necessary corrective action
U.S. Department of Defense
Afghan Local Police Team

Kayode O. Bamgbade
Program Analyst

Michael De La Garza
Senior Program Analyst

John Furutani
Auditor

Patricia J. Goodin
Senior Program Analyst

William G. Jackson
Senior Program Analyst

Stanley E. Meyer
Project Sponsor

Daniel Morgan
Senior Program Analyst

Tim O. Reutter
Senior Program Analyst

John E. Taylor
Team Leader

In recognition of exceptional performance during the Department of Defense’s Assessment of the U.S. Government and Coalition Efforts to Develop the Afghan Local Police

Environmental Protection Agency
Oil and Gas Production Emissions Data Evaluation Team

Rick Beusse
Director, Air Evaluations, Office of Program Evaluation

Chris Dunlap
Auditor, Air Evaluations, Office of Program Evaluation

Kevin Good
Auditor, Air Evaluations, Office of Program Evaluation

Erica Hauck
Lead Program Analyst, Air Evaluations, Office of Program Evaluation

Renee McGhee-Lenart
Project Manager, Air Evaluations, Office of Program Evaluation

Julie Narimatsu
Program Analyst, Air Evaluations, Office of Program Evaluation

In recognition of significant contributions in raising EPA’s and the public’s awareness of gaps in information about potential air pollution risks from the rapidly growing oil and gas production industry
Unapproved Asbestos Demolition Methods Evaluation Team

Benjamin Beeson  
Evaluator, Special Program Reviews,  
Office of Program Evaluation

Eric Lewis  
Director, Special Program Reviews,  
Office of Program Evaluation

Martha Chang  
Project Manager, Special Program Reviews,  
Office of Program Evaluation

Wendy Wierzbicki  
Evaluator, Special Program Reviews,  
Office of Program Evaluation

Michael Wilson  
Toxicologist, Special Program Reviews,  
Office of Program Evaluation

In recognition of outstanding dedication and results that enabled EPA to notify citizens of possible exposure to cancer-causing asbestos and stop practices that put citizens at risk of future exposure

Federal Housing Finance Agency
Evaluations Report Team for Follow-up on Freddie Mac’s Loan Repurchase Process

Bruce G. McWilliams  
Senior Investigative Evaluator

David Z. Seide  
Director of Special Projects

In recognition of outstanding achievement in improving the efficiency of FHFA’s recovery processes that resulted in significant savings to taxpayers

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Dietary Supplements Evaluation Team

Heather Barton  
Program Analyst

Jessica L. Fargnoli  
Program Analyst

Laura Canfield  
Senior Counsel

Danielle Fletcher  
Program Analyst

Tim Chettiath  
Program Analyst

Melissa Hafner  
Program Analyst

Alyson Cooper  
Program Analyst

Elizabeth Holahan  
Associate Counsel

Kevin A. Farber  
Mathematical Statistician

Maria Maddaloni  
Program Analyst

Jesse Valente  
Program Analyst

In recognition of outstanding contributions to public health through groundbreaking work on the scientific research behind claims made on dietary supplement labels and FDA’s ability to contact supplement manufacturers in an emergency
Retail Pharmacy Questionable Part D Billing Evaluation Team

Miriam G. Anderson
Program Analyst

Kevin A. Farber
Mathematical Statistician

Eddie Baker
Program Analyst

Robert L. Gibbons
Program Analyst

Jenell S. Clarke
Program Analyst

Nancy T. Harrison
Deputy Regional Inspector General

Jason M. Kwong
Program Analyst

In recognition of groundbreaking analysis of Part D data that strengthened program oversight and prompted nationwide action against fraudulent retail pharmacies

Vaccines for Children Program Evaluation Team

Sarah K. Ambrose
Program Analyst

Consuelia M. McCourt
Program Analyst

Roberta M. Baskin
Director of Media Communications

Sarah E. McLaulin
Program Analyst

Erin C. Bliss
Director of External Affairs

Christine Moritz
Writer/Editor

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Senior Counsel

Sheila M. Nair
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Teresa A. Dailey
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Brian T. Pattison
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Jaime R. Durley
Deputy Regional Inspector General

Latrice S. Rollins
Program Analyst

Kevin A. Farber
Mathematical Statistician

Talisha M. Searcy
Program Analyst

Dwayne F. Grant
Regional Inspector General

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