CIGIE AWARDS – 2013

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Acting CIGIE Executive Chair
Acting Deputy Director for Management
Office of Management and Budget

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CIGIE Awards Presentation
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Lynne A. McFarland
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Allison Lerner
CIGIE Awards Program Co-Chair
Inspector General
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U.S. Department of Justice
Operation Fast and Furious Team

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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

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Eastern District of California

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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.
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

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Auditor

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Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audit

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

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Rodney DeSmet  
Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audit

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Donte Jones  
Auditor

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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

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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

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In Recognition of Exceptional Performance by the Cleveland Audit Team during their Audit of the Cost and Availability of Spare Parts for the G222
INVESTIGATION AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

U.S. Department of Agriculture
North Texas SNAP Prosecution Team

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In recognition of exemplary determination and groundbreaking investigative work to stop a SNAP trafficking scheme involving international wiring of benefits

U.S. Department of Defense
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In recognition of persistence and perseverance in obtaining a global settlement on a long term investigative matter affecting the Department of Defense, Department of Navy and the General Services Administration (GSA)
MULTIPLE DISCIPLINES AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

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In recognition of extraordinary efforts to improve the integrity of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and identify $84 million in questionable benefits, as well as exemplary cooperation between Audit and Investigations