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Attorney General

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CIGIE Chair
Inspector General, U.S. Department of Justice

ALLISON LERNER
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THE HONORABLE KATHLEEN TIGHE
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GASTON L. GIANNI, JR. BETTER GOVERNMENT AWARD

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*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*

AUDIT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

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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

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*In recognition of outstanding efforts to bring to justice brothers who
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*In recognition of the Office of Counsel's significant contributions to CIGIE
through the provision of legal counsel and services for 6 years*

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of executive branch agencies' operations in the critical realm of cloud computing*