20th Annual Awards Ceremony

October 19th 2017

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Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Acting Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget

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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
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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 Glynco, 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.
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


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


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

A W A R D F O R I N D I V I D U A L A C C O M P L I S H M E N T

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
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Awards for Excellence
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 DeSmet
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
Auditor

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

Julie Fuselier
Auditor-in-Charge, Technology Audit Group

Wayne Herbert
Auditor, Technology Audit Group

Sarah Nelson
Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Administration

Todd Wisniewski
Director, Information Technology and Financial Audits

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 Walsh
Regional Inspector General for Audits
John Kolze
Special Agent-in-Charge
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
Senior Auditor
Scott Perry
Senior Auditor
Deana Baggett
Auditor
Craig Pfeifer
Auditor
Kathy Carter
Senior Auditor
Lori Pilcher
Regional Inspector General for Audit Services
Shawn Edwards
Senior Auditor
Thomas Rauch
Writer–Editor
Michael Hayden
Senior Auditor
Jeffrey Renshaw
Audit Manager
Stanley Jackson
Auditor
Jared Smith
Director, Quantitative Methods
Truman Mayfield
Assistant Regional Inspector General for Audit Services
Louis Sobers
Auditor
Meagan McGlade
Auditor
Anthony Soto McGrath
Social Science Research Analyst
Karin Nealy
Program Analyst
Wayne Southwell
Senior Auditor
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*

Troy Butcher  
*Senior Auditor*

Tate Clark  
*Assistant Regional Inspector General for Audit Services*

Miquel Darcey  
*Assistant Regional Inspector General for Audit Services*

Chrisicilla Fitzsimmons  
*Auditor*

Tonya Gibbs  
*Senior Auditor*

John Hagg  
*Director, Medicaid Audits*

Alexandria Hayden  
*Senior Auditor*

Trenton Hubbard  
*Auditor*

Gerald Illies  
*Assistant Regional Inspector General for Audit Services*

Shelton Jensen  
*Senior Auditor*

Warren Lundy  
*Assistant Regional Inspector General for Audit Services*

Keith Peters  
*Auditor*

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  
*Communications Analyst*

Victor Leung  
*Program Analyst*

Marisa Coccaro  
*Program Analyst*

Anne M. Mattingly  
*Audit Manager*

Heidi Ensweiler  
*Program Analyst*

Ardeth Savery  
*Auditor*

Jeanette Hyatt  
*Auditor*

Lisa VonderHaar  
*Director*

Armando Lastra  
*Independent Referencer*

*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
Auditor
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

Michelle L. Batignani
Special Agent
Kenneth R. Dieffenbach
Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge
Elizabeth P. Gontarek
Senior Forensic Auditor
Valerie D. Jesuit
Auditor

Thomas O. Puerzer
Regional Audit Manager
Nicola L. Whitehead
Assistant Regional Audit Manager of Audit Division
Joelle K. Wolf
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
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

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

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

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.
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

Jeanne DiFruscia
Auditor

Kenneth Dion
Audit Manager

Jeffery Dye
Audit Director

Shaneasha Edwards
Program Analyst

Deborah Harker
Assistant Inspector General for Audit

Andrea Smith
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

Kent E. Byers
Special Agent

Tanya E. Chavez
Special Agent

Michael R. Clark
Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge

Nicholas A. Coates
Senior Counsel

Jill L. Cottonaro
Project Manager

Curtis M. Dow
Senior Analyst

Claudia Estrada
Senior Analyst

Matthew P. Farrugia
Special Agent

Daniel E. Fox
Analyst

Craig S. Furey
Special Agent

Brian C. Gallagher
Special Agent

Marlies T. Gonzalez
Special Agent-in-Charge

Daniel M. Helzer
Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge

Meredith L. Howell
Senior Analyst

Christina Lee
Visual Communications Specialist

Ryan C. Lefort
Special Agent

Patti S. Lehman
Senior Analyst
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 Swartzlander
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
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

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

Maria Afamasaga
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
Statistician
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 timeliness constraints.

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.

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
Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency

Ryan Cassidy
Inspector

Lee Ann Covington
Intelligence Oversight Evaluator, IC OIG

Anthony Crawford
Intelligence Officer

John Cummings
Intelligence Oversight Evaluator, IC OIG

Natalie Enclade
Independent Referencer

Angela Garvin
Chief Inspector

Kelly Herberger
Communications Analyst

Marcia Hodges
Chief Inspector

Rahne Jones
Inspector

Mark Krulikowski
Intelligence Oversight Team Lead, IC OIG

James Morrissey
Program Analyst, DOJ OIG

DuWarn Porter
Program Analyst, DOJ OIG

Rita Reinhardt
Auditor, DOJ OIG

Matthew Salaga
Inspector

Jorge Sosa
Program Manager

Jessica Stoll
Analyst-in-Charge, DOJ OIG

Dan Sullivan
Assistant IG for Inspections and Evaluations, IC OIG

Carol Taraszka
Regional Audit Manager

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

Bruce Schriner
Program Analyst

James A. Tyrell
Deputy Assistant Inspector General

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

Kathleen E. Flanagan
Senior Program Analyst

James A. Tyrell
Deputy Assistant Inspector General

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

Andrew P. Zacharias
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

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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

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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**

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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**

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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**

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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

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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

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*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

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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

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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

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*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  
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Stephen Ravas  
*Special Investigative*

Peter Sima-Eichler  
*Lead Statistician*

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

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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

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In recognition of conducting a high quality contract fraud investigation

U.S. Department of Education

FastTrain College Investigation Team

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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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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

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The First State Bank of Altus Investigation

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

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Investigation of Cay Clubs Condominium

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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

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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**

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*Investigator*

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**

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*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**

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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)

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

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St. Louis Network Distribution Center Narcotics Investigation

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Stephen DeLuca  
Special Agent

Ellen Massey  
Special Agent (retired)

Kristine Ferrario  
Special Agent

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, HIS
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
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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

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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

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Paralegal

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Assistant U.S. Attorney

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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

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Matthew A. Weiller  
Counselor for Political Military Affairs, Department of State

Stephanie Williams  
Deputy Chief of Mission, US Embassy Iraq, Department of State

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

Charles Coe  
Assistant Inspector General, Information Technology Audits and Computer Crimes Investigations

Nicole Eisenzopf  
Investigative Analyst, Technology Crimes Division

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

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John F. Walsh  
Regional Inspector General for Auditing

Benjamin Wei  
Trial Attorney, DOJ, Commercial Litigation Branch

In recognition of outstanding work on a complex False Claims Act case that resulted in a $45 million recovery for the United States
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
CIGIE’s Cross-Cutting Initiative - Disaster Relief Appropriations Act Team

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In Memory of Senator John Glenn

Since CIGIE’s last annual awards ceremony, Senator John Glenn passed away. In honor of his memory and his support for the Federal Inspectors General, CIGIE would like to share with the IG community the below edited letter from CIGIE Chair Michael E. Horowitz and Vice Chair Allison C. Lerner, which was sent upon Senator Glenn’s passing to the John Glenn College of Public Affairs at the Ohio State University on behalf of CIGIE’s members.

As a Senator, John Glenn believed firmly that government could become more efficient. During his first of four terms, he turned this belief into action when he played a crucial role in the passage of the Inspector General Act of 1978. This Act created the framework of the current Inspector General system and established Inspectors General in 12 Federal agencies. Ten years later, Senator Glenn went one step further and sponsored the Inspector General Act Amendments of 1988, which, among other things, expanded Inspectors General to even more agencies. As a result of these two laws, Federal Inspectors General have been able to save taxpayers billions of dollars every year and secure thousands of prosecutions against those individuals who have defrauded the government.

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 Act of 1989 and the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993. Both laws aimed to reduce waste in Federal government programs 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.

The Inspectors General are very grateful for the many ways that Senator Glenn championed our profession and our work. In 2003, the President’s Council on Integrity and Efficiency and the Executive Council on Integrity and Efficiency created a new award, the Glenn/Roth Award for Exemplary Service, to honor Senators John Glenn and William Roth for their bipartisan support for better governance. This award, one of the most prestigious in our community, recognizes an individual or team whose work and behavior demonstrates outstanding achievements in furthering relations between his or her department or agency (or the Inspector General community) and Congress. It continues to be presented at our annual awards ceremony.

On more than one occasion, Senator Glenn expressed his pride for the work he did in passing Inspector General legislation. The Inspectors General are equally proud to have had his support over the years. We are truly fortunate to have had him as one of our closest allies in Congress.

We will strive to honor his work and memory by continuing to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse with the same tenacity and dedication that he exemplified over his lifetime of public service.

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