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CIGIE AWARDS – 2013

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Presentation of Colors and National Anthem

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THE HONORABLE STEVE A. LINICK
CIGIE Awards Program Co-Chair
Inspector General
Federal Housing Finance Agency

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JOHN MILLER
CBS Senior Correspondent

Special Category Awards Presentation

THE HONORABLE STEVEN VANROEKEL
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
Individual Accomplishment Award
Barry R. Snyder Joint Award

CIGIE Awards Presentation

THE HONORABLE PHYLLIS K. FONG
CIGIE Chair, Inspector General Department of Agriculture

LYNNE A. McFARLAND
CIGIE Vice Chair
Inspector General Federal Election Commission

Closing Remarks

ALLISON LERNER
CIGIE Awards Program Co-Chair
Inspector General
National Science Foundation

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

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

Jeff Harpenau
Senior Auditor

Ronda Price
Director

Christopher M. Harris
Auditor

Derek Repp
Auditor

Ralph Leeper
Senior Auditor

Steve Rickrode
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**

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

Daniel Krueger
Senior Director

Satish Parikh
Senior Auditor

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

Randall M. Critchlow
Auditor

Christopher A. DePerro
Audit Team Leader

Shelly M. Farber
Audit Team Leader

Kendall A. Miller
Auditor

Helen Scalf
Auditor

Daniel Ulas
Auditor

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*

INVESTIGATION AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

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

Alan S. Hampton
*Special Agent, Internal Revenue Service,
Criminal Investigations*

Rachel M. Hart
Special Agent

Thomas A. Hejza
Financial Analyst

Clete Parsons
Investigator, Texas Health and Human Services

Robert D. Starr
Task Force Officer, Dallas Police Department

J. Michael Worley
*Assistant United States Attorney,
Northern District of Texas*

*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 The AES Investigation Team

Paul Archey
Auditor, Defense Contract Audit Agency

Jason Ferrill
Special Agent

William Hillery
NAVO Security

Michelle Lee
Trial Attorney, Department of Justice

Carlton McElveen
Special Agent

William Olson
Trial Attorney, Department of Justice

Dale Saito
Investigator

Jesse St. Amant
Special Agent

Todd Sweeney
Special Agent

Douglas Wethington
Resident Agent in Charge

John Youngblood
Naval Criminal Investigative Service

Diana Younts
Trial Attorney, Department of Justice

*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

U.S. Department of Agriculture SNAP Fraud Audit and Investigations Team

Stacey A. Anderson <i>Auditor</i>	Joseph E. Mickiewicz <i>Director, Food, Nutrition, Marketing and Development Division</i>
Joann G. Baker <i>Audit Technician</i>	Tanya Moses <i>Special Agent</i>
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Patricia Contreras <i>Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge</i>	Venelina K. Stoynev-Stephens <i>Statistician</i>
Rodney G. DeSmet <i>Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audit</i>	Kurt J. Thompson <i>Senior Auditor</i>
LaToya L. Dickinson <i>Auditor</i>	Samuel C. Walker <i>Auditor</i>
Stephanie Y. Goings <i>Auditor</i>	William C. Walker <i>Assistant Director</i>
Elizabeth J. Gurklies <i>Audit Technician</i>	Kevin Watts <i>Special Agent</i>
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Michael R. Martin <i>Writer/Editor</i>	Jeremy R. Yon <i>Auditor</i>
	Carla Young <i>Special Agent</i>

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