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**Ceremony to Honor Recipients for Outstanding
Accomplishments in the Inspector General Community**

The Honorable Christopher Wray, FBI Director, to Deliver Keynote Address

On Thursday, October 19, 2017, the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) will host the Federal inspector general community's 20th Annual Awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of the inspector general workforce. The Honorable Christopher Wray, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, will deliver this year's keynote address.

Individuals and teams from among CIGIE's 73 member agencies will be presented with 7 Special Category Awards and nearly 80 Awards for Excellence in the areas of auditing; evaluations; investigations; information technology; law and legislation; and more.

Dustin Brown, Acting CIGIE Executive Chair and Acting Deputy Director for Management at the Office of Management and Budget, will present the prestigious Special Category Awards, whose recipients were selected by CIGIE's Executive Council.

The Honorable Michael E. Horowitz, CIGIE Chair, and Allison Lerner, CIGIE Vice Chair, will present the Awards for Excellence, whose recipients were determined by panels of their distinguished peers.

CIGIE's Annual Awards notably highlight many team achievements that demonstrate the strong interagency cooperation among the Federal offices of inspector general to combat fraud, waste, and abuse in government programs and operations. Through the dedication of this year's recipients and the nearly 13,000 other inspector general professionals who protect taxpayers' money, the community in fiscal year 2016 identified Government-wide potential savings of about \$25.2 billion. The tireless efforts of these professionals also helped to secure thousands of criminal prosecutions and civil actions against perpetrators.

This year's recipients for the Special Category Awards are:

Alexander Hamilton Award

U.S. Department of Homeland Security, DHS-OIG/Office of IT Audits, USCIS Green Cards

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

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

For exemplary work in supporting Congress to pass the Inspector General Empowerment Act.

Sentner Award for Dedication and Courage

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.

June Gibbs Brown Career Achievement Award

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.

Award for Individual Accomplishment

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.

Barry R. Snyder Joint Award

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, The CIGIE Leadership Development Team

In recognition of exceptional collaborative efforts leading to the successful launch and adoption of the CIGIE Fellowship Program and Annual Leadership Forum.

CIGIE will post a complete list of awards, recipients, and citations at <https://www.ignet.gov/content/awards> on the day of the ceremony.

The ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2017, at the Ronald Reagan Building Amphitheater, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. For additional information about the awards or the ceremony, please contact Mark Jones, CIGIE Executive Director, at (202) 292-2600.

CIGIE is an independent entity established within the executive branch by the Inspector General Act and includes 73 statutorily created Federal inspectors general. Its mission is to address integrity, economy, and effectiveness issues that transcend individual Government agencies and to aid in the establishment of a well-trained and highly skilled workforce in the offices of the inspectors general. For more information about CIGIE and the inspector general community, please visit <https://www.ignet.gov/>. To find and read reports from the Federal inspectors general, please visit <https://oversight.gov> and follow [@OversightGov](https://twitter.com/OversightGov) on Twitter.

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