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Ronald Reagan Building Amphitheater
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

CIGIE AWARDS – 2017

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Welcoming Remarks

THE HONORABLE JAY LERNER
CIGIE Awards Program Co-Chair
Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

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THE HONORABLE CHRISTOPHER WRAY
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Special Category Awards Presentation

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

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Glenn/Roth Exemplary Service Award
Sentner Award for Dedication and Courage
June Gibbs Brown Career Achievement Award
Award for Individual Accomplishment
Barry R. Snyder Joint Award

CIGIE Awards Presentation

THE HONORABLE MICHAEL E. HOROWITZ
CIGIE Chair, Inspector General, U.S. Department of Justice
ALLISON C. LERNER
CIGIE Vice Chair, Inspector General, National Science Foundation

Closing Remarks

LAURA DAVIS
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.



MICHAEL E. HOROWITZ
Chair

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.



ALLISON C. LERNER
Vice Chair

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael E. Horowitz".

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allison C. Lerner".



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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 Hegu

Auditor

William Stanford

Auditor

In 1984, a terrorist shot and killed Mr. Hegu and Mr. Stanford during a Pakistan International Airline plane hijacking in Tebran, 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

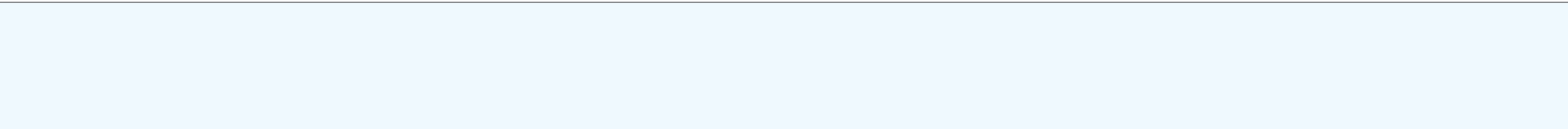
Paul Converse
Auditor

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.





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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

Sheldon Shoemaker
Chief of Staff, Small Business Association OIG

Hillel Weinberg
Senior Advisor, Department of State OIG

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

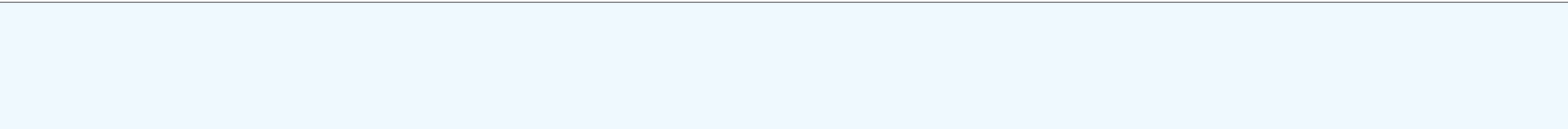
In recognition of sustained and significant contributions of Mr. Donald M. Horstman throughout his career with the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General and in support of the newly formed Lead Inspector General oversight mission

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





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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

Latreal 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

Tiffany Hooper
Assistant Director

Donna Morgan
Writer-Editor

Gwen Kirby
Writer-Editor (former employee)

Yarisis Rivera-Rojas
Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audit

Albert Kozak
Senior Auditor

Juan Segura Peinado
Auditor

Wilmer Lopez
Senior Auditor

Keith Sprouse
Senior Auditor

Michael Martin
Assistant Director, Writing and Publications Division

Michael Yarbrough
Director

Joseph Mickiewicz
Director, Food, Nutrition, Marketing, and Development Division

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 Kloepfel
Assistant Director

Yarisis Rivera-Rojas
Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audit

Michael Martin
Assistant Director, Writing and Publication Division

Stephanni Stafford
Assistant Director, Farm, Trade, Research, and Environmental Division

Derek Morton
Senior Auditor

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

J. J. Marzullo
Senior Audit Manager

Leila Kahn
Senior Director, Lead

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

Oscar Camacho <i>Auditor</i>	Stan Karpinski <i>Auditor</i>
Dana Caro <i>Auditor</i>	Jonatan Maldonado <i>Auditor</i>
Keith Cummins <i>Auditor, State and Local Advisory and Assistance Team</i>	Carla McKenzie <i>Assistant Counsel to the Inspector General</i>
Bev Dalman <i>Assistant Regional Inspector General for Audit</i>	Jillisa Milner <i>Managing Editor</i>
Erin Dollard <i>Auditor</i>	Richard Rasa <i>Director, State and Local Advisory and Assistance Team</i>
Jon Enslin <i>Assistant Regional Inspector General for Audit</i>	Lisa Robinson <i>Assistant Regional Inspector General for Audit</i>
Angelo Fallacaro <i>Auditor</i>	Tom Sample <i>Auditor</i>
Witold Felski <i>Auditor</i>	Juan Santiago-Diaz <i>Auditor</i>
Alyce Frazier <i>Assistant Regional Inspector General for Audit</i>	Daniel Schultz <i>Regional Inspector General for Audit</i>
Chris Gamble <i>Regional Inspector General for Audit</i>	Geraldine Soriano <i>Auditor-in-Charge</i>
Tracie Goff-Smith <i>Auditor</i>	Bernard Tadley <i>Regional Inspector General for Audit</i>
Myra Hamilton <i>Assistant Regional Inspector General for Audit</i>	Chris Taul <i>Auditor</i>
Ray Hendren <i>Regional Inspector General for Audit</i>	April White <i>Auditor</i>
Doral Hill <i>Auditor</i>	Gary Whitman <i>Regional Inspector General for Audit</i>
Robert Janney <i>Assistant Regional Inspector General for Audit</i>	

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 <i>Auditor, Technology Audit Group</i>	Sarah Nelson <i>Assistant Inspector General for Audits and Administration</i>
Julie Fuselier <i>Auditor-in-Charge, Technology Audit Group</i>	Todd Wisniewski <i>Director, Information Technology and Financial Audits</i>
Wayne Herbert <i>Auditor, Technology Audit Group</i>	

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 Kolze
Special Agent-in-Charge

John Walsh
Regional Inspector General for Audits

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

Sonia Viramontes
Senior 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

Trenton Hubbard
Auditor

Troy Butcher
Senior Auditor

Gerald Illies
Assistant Regional Inspector General for Audit Services

Tate Clark
Assistant Regional Inspector General for Audit Services

Shelton Jensen
Senior Auditor

Miquel Darcey
Assistant Regional Inspector General for Audit Services

Warren Lundy
Assistant Regional Inspector General for Audit Services

Chrisilla Fitzsimmons
Auditor

Keith Peters
Auditor

Tonya Gibbs
Senior Auditor

Megan Tinker
Senior Advisor for Legal Review

John Hagg
Director, Medicaid Audits

Paul Westfall
Senior Counsel (former employee)

Alexandria Hayden
Senior Auditor

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

NASA Office of Inspector General Review of NASA's Plans for Human Exploration Beyond Low Earth Orbit

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

Frank Martin
Aerospace Technologist

Robert Proudfoot
Auditor

Sarah McGrath
Graphics Design and Editor

*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**

Joshua Alexander
Editor

Crystal Reese
Director Forensic Auditor

Caroline Ashe
Chief Forensic Auditor

William Saunders
Auditor

Clark Beecken
Auditor

Andrew Sinclair
Auditor-in-Charge

Christopher Bosland
*Assistant Deputy Special Inspector General for
Audit and Evaluation Division*

Sylvester Tang
Auditor

Christina Harris
Auditor

Jennifer Wilson
*Deputy Special Inspector General for
Audit and Evaluation Division*

Yusuf House
Lead Auditor

Kamruz Zaman
Auditor

Yvonne Monyei
Lead Auditor

*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

John Barrow
Senior Auditor

*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**

Michael P. Colombo
Regional Manager

Krista Dragila
Auditor

Jennifer Garleb
Auditor

Kevin W. Graves
Supervisory Auditor

Jon D. Pifer
Associate General Counsel

Leslie Ranoa
Management and Program Analyst

Victor Sepulveda
Auditor

Mary Stack
Writer-Editor

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. Helzner
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

Terrence J. Letko
Program Director

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Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge

Jamie Mazzone
Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge

Richard M. McGrade
Special Agent

Darren L. Murphy
Program Director

Susan E. Neill
Writer-Editor

Corry D. Noel
Special Agent

Andrea J. Nossaman
Senior Writer-Editor

Makesi D. Ormond
Statistician

Michael J. Purcell
Special Agent

Henry Rivas
Special Agent

Allison K. Robinson
Senior Auditor

Dwight E. Schwader
Special Agent

Douglas Shoemaker
Special Agent-in-Charge

Robert J. Stanek
Special Agent

Michaela L. Stuart
Special Agent

Petra Swartzlander
Senior Statistician

Eileen Vidal-Codispor
Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge

Teri L. Vogliardo
Senior Analyst

Charles A. Ward
Project Manager

Jacque M. Wente
Special Agent

Bradley D. Wheeler
Special Agent

Ann C. Wright
Project Manager

Anthony J. Wysocki
Program Director

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

Thomas Denomme
Project Consultant

Stephen Gruner
Project Manager

John M. Hannon
Senior Auditor

Anne-Marie C. Joseph
Senior Engineer

Seth B. Kaufman
Senior Counsel

Christina Lee
Visual Communications Specialist

David P. Pouliott
Program Director

Petra Swartzlander
Senior Statistician

Stuart I. Weibel
Senior Auditor

Danietta Williams
Senior Analyst

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

Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration
IRS Criminal Investigation Civil Forfeiture Review Team

Todd Anderson
Auditor

Jeff K. Jones
Lead Auditor

Christina Dreyer
Director

Matthew Weir
Assistant Inspector General for Audit

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

Kelly Perry
Management Analyst

Lee Giesbrecht
Statistician

Corina Riba
Manager

Milan Gokaldas
Management Analyst

Daniel Rico
Auditor

Gurpreet Kaur
Auditor

Jimmy Sembiring
Management Analyst

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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

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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

EVALUATIONS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

U.S. Department of Defense

Diane H. Stetler
Project Manager

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

DoD Nuclear Enterprise Governance Evaluation Team

David C. Flint
Team Lead

Shayela Hassan
Program Analyst

Charles C. Howell
Project Manager

Sean Mitchell
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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
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Tanya D. Manglona
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Jeannine M. Juhnke
Inspection Supervisor Manager

Charles S. Turpin
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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**

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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**

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Dan Sullivan
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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

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Senior Program Analyst

Bruce Schriener
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
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Michael Chang
Program Analyst

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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

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Michelle A. Poore
OIG Legal Counsel

Andrew P. Zacharias
Inspector

Danny W. Rapert
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

Brian Allen
Program Analyst

Andrew Godfrey
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Katie Boutwell
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Audit Manager

Andrea Deadwyler
Director, Credit Programs Audit Group

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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Political Inspector

Robert Beecroft
Senior Inspector

Richard English
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Abigail Reese
Auditor

Iris Rosenfeld
Supervisory Senior Inspector

*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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Lisa Hammer
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Noel Kawado
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Amy Rush
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Deputy AIG, Evaluations

Jamie Wykle
Senior Auditor

*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**

Marci Anderson
Auditor

Mark Myers
Director

Gary Petrovich
Manager

*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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Dana Sullivan <i>Benefits Inspector</i>	Claudia Wellborn <i>Benefits Inspector</i>
Michael Tomasello <i>Auditor</i>	Ora Young <i>Auditor</i>

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

Brett Byrd <i>Manager</i>	Dana Sullivan <i>Director</i>
Jeffrey Myers <i>Manager</i>	

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

Richard M. McGrade
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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Laura Polly
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Peter Sheridan
Assistant Inspector General for Information Technology

Michael VanHuysen
Senior OIG Manager

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

Jeffrey Brown
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Carol Johnson
Senior Auditor, Information Technology Audit Division

Faisal Khan
Auditor, Information Technology Audit Division

Mary Ellen Moyer
Audit Manager, Information Technology Audit Division

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

Seth Flinchbaugh
Special Agent

Elijah Kirtman
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
Patent Examiner Time and Attendance Abuse Team

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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

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
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

Federal Housing Finance Agency
Investigation of Cay Clubs Condominium

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Assistant U.S. Attorney

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Special Agent, IRS-CI

James V. Hayes
Assistant U.S. Attorney

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Assistant U.S. Attorney

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

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FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, Fire Program Specialist

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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

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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

Christopher Burris
Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge

Geoff Guska
Investigator

Kurt Hafer
Special Agent

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

David Berry
Special Agent

Amber T. Howell
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.

U.S. Postal Service
St. Louis Network Distribution Center Narcotics Investigation

Gregory Burwell
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Rodney Crouch
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Kristine Ferrario
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Warren Long
Assistant Special Agent-in-Charge

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Special Agent (retired)

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
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Officer, CIS

Theresa Pearce
Investigator, Florida Medicaid Fraud Control Unit

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Wilberto Santiago
Officer, CIS

Jose Subias
Special Agent, FBI

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 Fuel Theft Investigation Team

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*Captain U.S. Army, Tank Automotive Command,
Life Cycle Management Command*

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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Bart Slabbekorn
*Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office,
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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

**U.S. Department of Transportation
Pacific Gas and Electric Prosecution Team**

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U.S. Department of Education

Misuse of FSA ID and Personal Authentication Service Management Information Report Team

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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.

John Glenn will forever be heralded as a true American patriot who served his country over a lifetime with the utmost pride and distinction. To the Federal Inspector General community, he will best be remembered for his work in Congress that helped to lay the foundation for today's robust Inspector General system. His support, advocacy, and emphasis on accountability and good governance over the past five decades revealed him to be a true ally to Inspectors General. On behalf of the 73 Inspector General members of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, we wish to submit this letter of appreciation in remembrance of Senator Glenn.

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.

