



# 26<sup>th</sup> Annual AWARD CEREMONY



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U.S. Postal Service OIG

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Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget

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# Jason Miller



**Jason Miller**  
*CIGIE Executive Chairperson*

The Honorable Jason Miller is the CIGIE Executive Chairperson and the Deputy Director for Management at the Office of Management and Budget, where he serves as the Federal Government’s Chief Operating Officer. In this role, he coordinates Governmentwide management initiatives to protect, strengthen, and empower the Federal workforce and ensure a more equitable, effective, and accountable Federal Government that delivers results for all Americans. Toward these goals, Miller leads the development and implementation of the President’s Management Agenda as Chair of the President’s Management Council.

Miller also is carrying out the President’s commitment to deliver prosperity, security, and opportunity to all Americans—including through implementation of the American Rescue Plan to help families and businesses recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and by harnessing the power of Federal procurement to support workers and manufacturers through the Made in America Initiative.

Most recently, Miller led the U.S. Trade Representative agency review team during the Biden-Harris transition. Prior to that, he was the Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Washington Partnership, which is a civic alliance of employers in the Capital Region focused on issues of regional inclusive economic growth and prosperity that included building and operating a more reliable and accessible transportation system; driving improved digital skills workforce through enhanced programs at the K-12, community college, and undergraduate levels; and improving housing affordability.

Previously, Miller served in the Obama-Biden White House as Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of the National Economic Council, where he led the Administration’s economic policy development and coordination related to manufacturing and innovation, transportation and infrastructure, energy, entrepreneurship, and Puerto Rico.

Prior to the Obama-Biden Administration, Miller was a management consultant with the Boston Consulting Group in San Francisco and with Marakon Associates in Chicago, where he advised large organizations across industries on strategic, financial, and organizational issues. Miller received a B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania, an M.B.A. from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, and an M.P.A. from Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government. Miller currently resides with his wife and three children in Maryland.

# Mark Lee Greenblatt



**Mark Lee Greenblatt**  
*CIGIE Chairperson*

The Honorable Mark Lee Greenblatt began his tenure as the Inspector General for the Department of the Interior (DOI) on August 26, 2019, after being confirmed by the U.S. Senate. As the Inspector General, IG Greenblatt leads a nationwide workforce of investigators, auditors, evaluators, attorneys, and support staff.

In December 2022, IG Greenblatt was elected by the membership of the 74 Federal Inspectors General to serve as the Chairperson of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency. IG Greenblatt's two-year term as CIGIE Chairperson began on January 1, 2023. In this role, he leads the IG community's efforts to combat fraud, waste, and mismanagement throughout the Federal Government. From January 2021 to December 2022, IG Greenblatt served as the CIGIE Vice Chairperson.

IG Greenblatt has been in the Federal oversight community since 2003, serving in both the legislative and executive branches. Before becoming the DOI Inspector General, he served as the Executive Director of CIGIE. He previously held leadership roles at the Department of Commerce OIG and the U.S. Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. IG Greenblatt also served as an investigative counsel at the Department of Justice OIG.

IG Greenblatt served as a Federal law clerk, was a litigator at two large, international law firms, and is a published author.

IG Greenblatt graduated from Columbia University School of Law, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, and earned his undergraduate degree from Duke University. He also completed the Senior Managers in Government Fellowship at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

# Tammy L. Hull



**Tammy L. Hull**  
*CIGIE Vice Chairperson*

Tammy L. Hull serves as the Vice Chairperson of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency. CIGIE Chairperson Mark Lee Greenblatt appointed IG Hull to the position in January 2023.

The Governors of the U.S. Postal Service appointed IG Hull as the third Inspector General of the U.S. Postal Service on November 29, 2018. Prior to her appointment, IG Hull served as the Acting Inspector General for the U.S. Postal Service OIG since February 2016. She also served as the Deputy Inspector General from November 2011 to February 2016. In years prior, IG Hull served as the Assistant Inspector General for Audit. She joined the U.S. Postal Service OIG in November 2005 as an Audit Director.

IG Hull started her Government career at the Internal Revenue Service Inspection Service and transitioned with them as a part of the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA), established in early 1999. During her career at TIGTA, she was an audit manager in Dallas, Texas, for several years before moving to Washington, DC, as the Director of the Office of Management and Policy.

IG Hull holds a Bachelor of Accounting and Business Administration degree from W. J. Bryan College in Dayton, Tennessee, and is a Certified Public Accountant.

# James N. Mattis



**James N. Mattis**  
*Former U.S. Secretary of Defense*

The Honorable James N. Mattis served as the 26th Secretary of Defense in 2017 and 2018. In this role, he worked to strengthen America's alliances and reorient the defense budget to face the rising challenges posed by emerging technologies and near-peer adversaries.

During his 43 years in the Marine Corps, General Mattis commanded combat tours at the platoon, battalion, regiment, brigade, division, force, and theater levels. This included command of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade in Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom and of the 1st Marine Division during the invasion of Iraq in 2003. His time in the military culminated with 3 years as the Commander of U.S. Central Command where he oversaw joint efforts in Afghanistan and Iraq and helped shape U.S. policy toward Iran.

Immediately prior to this, he served simultaneously as the Commander of U.S. Joint Forces Command and the Supreme Allied Commander for Transformation. In these roles, he oversaw the transformation of capabilities for the U.S. military and NATO allied forces respectively. His major projects included efforts to reshape U.S. military doctrine to engage more effectively in irregular warfare and to reimagine the U.S. military's grand strategy.

Earlier in his military career, General Mattis served as the Executive Secretary of the Department of Defense during the tenures of Secretary William Perry and Secretary William Cohen and also as the Senior Military Assistant to Deputy Secretary of Defense Rudy de Leon.

Following his retirement from the U.S. Marine Corps in 2013, Secretary Mattis served as the Davies Family Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, specializing in the study of leadership, national security, strategy, innovation, and the effective use of military force.

He is currently the Davies Family Distinguished Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University where he lectures and writes on domestic and international security policy. He also serves as Senior Counselor at the Cohen Group, a member of the Board of Directors of General Dynamics, and a member of the Board of Directors of Tri-Cities Good Bank in his hometown of Richland, Washington.

# Kevin H. Winters



**Kevin H. Winters**  
*Amtrak Inspector General*

Kevin Winters became the Inspector General of Amtrak on January 31, 2019. Amtrak's Office of Inspector General (OIG) provides independent and objective oversight of Amtrak's programs and operations. Amtrak operates a nationwide rail network, serving more than 500 destinations in 46 states, the District of Columbia, and 3 Canadian provinces, on more than 21,400 miles of routes.

As an Inspector General, he is a member of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency. In May 2019, IG Winters was appointed to serve on its Integrity Committee, which receives, reviews, and refers for investigation, as appropriate, allegations of wrongdoing made against Inspectors General and other key personnel; and ensures the fair, consistent, timely, and impartial disposition of the allegations. In June 2020, IG Winters was elected to serve as the Integrity Committee's Chair.

Previously, he served as a senior executive with NASA OIG from 2005 through 2015. As NASA's Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, his staff of special agents, investigative auditors, and computer forensic examiners focused on allegations of fraud, waste, and abuse affecting NASA's programs. In coordination with the Department of Justice, his staff recovered more than \$650 million in civil and criminal fraud-related penalties, and his Computer Crimes Division spearheaded many successful investigations into international computer intrusions affecting NASA, which resulted in holding cyber criminals accountable in Europe, Africa, and Asia.

Before joining the OIG community, Kevin Winters served in the United States Marine Corps, retiring as a Brigadier General. His initial service was as an armor officer with the Second Marine Division, and then as a judge advocate after attending law school through the Funded Law Education Program. Subsequent domestic and overseas assignments included duties as a prosecutor and defense counsel; a faculty member at the U.S. Army's JAG School in Charlottesville, Virginia; a battalion commander at Parris Island Recruit Depot; and as a senior uniformed legal advisor to the Commandant of the Marine Corps, where his office was also responsible for providing legal support to over 172,000 Marines and their families. As an adjunct faculty member for the Defense Institute of International Legal Studies, Mr. Winters led instruction teams in the rule of law and civilian control of the military for senior civilian and military officials in the Republic of the Congo, the Czech Republic, the Philippines, Estonia, and the Republic of Ghana.

His final Marine Corps assignment was as an Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Navy, where, among other duties, he was a principal advisor for military justice policy for the Department of the Navy. He was also in the Pentagon on 9/11 and later served in Iraq.

Originally from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, IG Winters has a Bachelor of Science in Commerce and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Louisville and a Master of Laws from the University of Virginia.



# 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Award Ceremony

November 7, 2023

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*Awards*



# June Gibbs Brown Career Achievement Award

June Gibbs Brown was part of the first group of Inspectors General nominated by President Jimmy Carter and confirmed by the U.S. Senate after the passage of the Inspector General Act of 1978. She served as the first statutory IG of the Department of the Interior until 1981. That year, President Ronald Reagan nominated her to be the IG at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, where she served for 4 years. In 1987, President Reagan again asked IG Brown to serve her country, this time as the IG for the Department of Defense.

IG Brown is most often remembered for her achievements as the IG of the Department of Health and Human Services, a position she held between 1993 and 2000. During her tenure, she oversaw the expansion of operations at both HHS and HHS OIG after the enactment of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. She later served as the first IG of the Social Security Administration when it was carved out of HHS.

In light of IG Brown's extensive contributions to the Federal oversight community, CIGIE presents this award to one person who has served for at least a decade in the IG community and who has made significant and sustained contributions that furthered the goals of the Inspector General Act throughout their career.



**Phyllis McKissick**  
Department of Labor OIG

## Department of Labor OIG

### Phyllis McKissick

*In recognition of 40 years of significant and sustained contributions to the success of the Department of Labor (DOL) OIG in combatting fraud, waste, and abuse in DOL programs and operations and in combatting labor racketeering in the American workplace.*

Throughout her 40-year career at the DOL OIG, Phyllis McKissick has made sustained, high impact contributions to its mission. Her impact on the office's investigative accomplishments during her tenure is clear: 18,222 indictments; 10,127 convictions; and over \$4 billion in investigative monetary results—many of which would not have been possible without her dedicated leadership and support. After beginning her career in 1982 as a clerk typist, McKissick has held numerous positions within the Office of Investigations, including Investigative Assistant, Management Analyst, and Branch Chief of Administrative Operations. She was most recently appointed to serve as the Office of Investigations Director of Administration in 2022. For many years, McKissick served as the preeminent expert in all administrative matters involving the DOL OIG's Office of Investigations and played a key role in overseeing its human resources, budgetary, and procurement functions. In addition to her technical expertise, McKissick is viewed by many as a consummate professional and an exemplary OIG employee.

# Audit Awards for Excellence

## Corporation for National and Community Service (AmeriCorps) OIG

### AmeriCorps OIG Financial Statements Audit Team

Monique Colter

Tamekia Davis

David Karakashian

*In recognition of exemplary work on the FY 2022 Financial Statements Audit and subsequent engagement with AmeriCorps and its stakeholders to bring accountability and cultivate financial management reform.*

## Defense Intelligence Agency OIG

### MARS Program Team

Brima Bangura

Norman Ingram

Mary Webb

Daniel Battitori

Herminio Irizarry-Munoz

Anna-Kay Wheatley

Deyanara Gonzalez-Lainez

Kiara Johnson

*In recognition of excellence for delivering impactful audit results for a critical acquisition program that will enhance how the Defense Intelligence Agency provides intelligence, well ahead of the program's initial operating capability milestone.*

## Department of Commerce OIG

### Analee Striner-Brown

*In recognition of outstanding work in improving the efficiency and effectiveness of a DOC program, supporting the public safety community, and identifying \$296,299,098 in funds put to better use.*

## Department of Defense OIG

### IVAS Audit Team

Stephen Fox

Norman Printer

Scott Spaulding

Christine Mclsaac

Artisha Polk

Christina Wynkoop

Russell Mulley

Joseph Siddall

*In recognition of the team that conducted the impactful audit of the Army's IVAS, was committed to mediating the critically important recommendations with senior Army and DoD officials, and effectively briefed Congress on the audit's results.*

## Department of Education OIG

### Charter School Programs Effectiveness Audit Team

Kathryn Carey	Jon Enslin	Ruby Len
Keith Cummins	Mari Farthing	Gary Whitman
Lori Eichelberg	Witold Felski	

*In recognition of the audit team's contributions toward improving the effectiveness of the Department of Education's Charter Schools Programs in increasing the number of high-quality charter schools.*

## Department of Energy OIG

### U1a Complex Enhancement Project Team

Kelley Boyle	Barbara Wilson	Jae Woo
Crystal Miller		

*In recognition of outstanding audit work and dedication that identified areas for improvement in project management by the National Nuclear Security Administration's Stockpile Stewardship Program, which is responsible for certification of the Nation's Stockpile.*

### Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride Conversion Operations Audit Report Team

Philip Beckett	Henning V. Landa	Jeremy Riggs
Debbie Gernt	Debbie Martin	Lisa Rodgers

*In recognition of outstanding audit work that identified areas for improvement in the Department of Energy's depleted uranium hexafluoride conversion operations to help prevent further cost growth and help ensure compliance with regulatory milestones.*

## Department of Health and Human Services OIG

### NIH/EcoHealth Alliance Award Monitoring Team

Mike Barton	Delphine Hanna	Peter Taschenberger
Allen Burbey	Mark Kopelman	Geeta Taylor
Joe Capuano	Leslie Preuss	Jack Ullrich
Nancy Corcoran	Vicki Robinson	Andrew VanLandingham
Sheri Fulcher	Jennifer Sobota	
Lee Gibson	Jeffrey Stitz	

*In recognition of work that drew significant congressional interest to grant monitoring deficiencies, especially of foreign subrecipients, and highlighted the importance of grants oversight of funding for high-risk research.*

## Department of Homeland Security OIG

### DHS Encountered Obstacles To Screen, Vet, and Inspect All Evacuees During the Recent Afghanistan Crisis (OIG-22-64)

Stephanie Brand	Johnson Joseph	Patrick O'Malley
Katrina Burpo	Lindsey Koch	Sandra Parsons
Andrew Herman	Ariel Krongauz	Natalia Segermeister
Ebenezer Jackson	E. Kristine Odina	

*In recognition of the DHS OIG audit team for their exceptional audit work to help the Department of Homeland Security address shortfalls in a historic evacuation operation and recommend areas of improvement.*

## Department of Housing and Urban Development OIG–CIGIE Disaster Assistance Working Group

### Disaster Preparedness for Federal Agencies Team

<b>CIGIE</b>	<b>DOT OIG</b>	<b>HUD OIG</b>
Alan Boehm	Barry DeWeese	Dwrena Allen
	Tiffany Mostert	Linda Evensen
<b>DHS OIG</b>	Charles A. Ward	Chris Fontanesi
Douglas Campbell		Carl E. Hobbs
Yesenia Starinsky	<b>HHS OIG</b>	Susan Marchino
	Amy Frontz	William Nixon
<b>DOD OIG</b>	Carla Lewis	Danita Wade
Deborah Culp	Glenn Richter	Roleen Younis
Brett Mansfield	Elise Stein	
	Amelia E. Wentz	<b>SBA OIG</b>
<b>DOI OIG</b>		Samuel Seaberry
Troy Dopke		

*In recognition of CIGIE's Disaster Assistance Working Group initiative to inform Federal agencies and Congress of seven OIGs' reported findings and recommendations in preparing for and responding to disasters to help avoid future program challenges.*

## Department of the Interior OIG

### The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Team

Julianne Cochran	Nicole "Nicki" Miller	Jon Pifer
Colleen Kotzmoyer	Sidrah Miraaaj-Raza	Matthew Seibert
Johanna Lasen	Patrick O'Boyle	Jennifer Wilbers

*In recognition of the team's exemplary efforts in identifying a State's use of grant funds to pay retiree unfunded liabilities, reducing the funding available to accomplish Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration efforts.*

## Department of Justice OIG

### Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Security Undercover Operations Audit Team

Jennifer Ansley	William O'Brien	Dirk Schumacher
Christian Breyer	Emily Rolkowski	Joel Stitt

*In recognition of the audit team's exemplary assessment of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's national security undercover operations, which identified several areas for improvement in the FBI's management and oversight of this critical program.*

### Audit of the Bureau of Justice Assistance's National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Audit Team

David Gaschke	Jennifer Rashe	Elbert Wong
Christine Hinton-Martinez	Jessica Rivera	

*In recognition of the team's exceptional audit identifying improvements to the Bureau of Justice Assistance's National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative and related grants to local, State, and Tribal law enforcement agencies and prosecutors' offices.*

## Department of Labor OIG

### Pandemic-Related Unemployment Insurance Benefits Eligibility Audit Team

Nickia Alli	Velma Ivey	Michael Roberts
Brittany Arias	LaKeisha Jones	Mark Sanderson
Dennis Asante	Sharon Newby	Christopher Silvern
Diane Cramer	Le Nguyen	Janet Simon
Nicholas Cumby	Phu Nguyen	Aaron Talbert
Michael Elliot	Betty Norwood	Travis Williams
Dwight Gates	Patrina Painter	Chaze Williams-Bey
Jonathan Heinz	Karriem Perry	
Carla Orvis Hunt	Christy Powell	

*In recognition of exemplary team performance in determining that the Employment & Training Administration and States did not ensure pandemic-related unemployment insurance funds were paid only to eligible individuals promptly and estimating \$30.4 billion in Pandemic Unemployment Benefits and Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation benefits were paid improperly.*

### High-Risk Area Audit Team

Lawrence Alli	LaKeisha Jones	Reed Rubey
Brittany Arias	Ning Kang	Christopher Silvern
Dennis Asante	Michael Kostrzewa	Travis Williams
Timothy Eagle	Le Nguyen	Melissa Young
Jonathan Heinz	Phu Nguyen	

*In recognition of exceptional team performance by the OIG in identifying more than \$29.6 billion in potentially fraudulent unemployment insurance pandemic benefits paid in four high-risk areas, for a total of \$45.6 billion.*

## Department of Treasury OIG

### Council of Inspectors General on Financial Oversight Guidance in Preparing for and Managing Crises

#### CFTC

Tony Baptiste

Matt Gibbons

Laura Shakarji

Michael VanHuysen

Jennifer Kim

James Lloyd

Gabriele Tonsil

Jennifer Wilson

#### FDIC OIG

Terry Gibson

Cynthia Hogue

Stacey Luck

Rigene Mabry

Michael Reed

#### HUD OIG

Greg Soames

Lisa Sweeney

#### NCUA OIG

Marvin Stith

#### Treasury OIG

Sheila Arguello

Susan Barron

Kajuana Britt

Timothy Cargill

Katherine Draper

Jackquelynne Foley

Debbie Harker

Tayla Haughton

Jeff Hawkins

Andrew Morgan

#### FHFA OIG

April Ellison

Marla Freedman

James Lisle

Michael Rivera

Robert Taylor

#### SEC OIG

Kelli Brown-Barnes

Douglas Carney

Lucia Fuentes-Bermudez

Rebecca Sharek

#### FRB OIG

Margaret An

Jason Derr

#### SIGTARP

Melissa Bruce

Marc Geller

*In recognition of exceptional cross-OIG teamwork in developing guidance for the Financial Stability Oversight Council and its member agencies in preparing for and managing crises.*

## Department of Veterans Affairs OIG

### Team Identifying Multiple Issues with VA's Electronic Health Record Modernization Program Schedule and Rollout

Melissa Bentley

Jessica Blake

Kristi Corthell

Kendall Ferguson

Francis Hoang

Joy Jordan

Ryan Mols

Cecilia Shim

Chris Sizemore

Clifford Stoddard

*In recognition of the audit team's extensive work identifying issues with the Electronic Health Record Modernization schedule that could have led to missed milestones, cost overruns, improper payments, and harm to veterans.*

### Audit Team for Ensuring VA Recovers Hundreds of Millions of Dollars Owed by Private Health Insurers for Community Care

Nelvy Viguera Butler

Jordan Caturia

Chris Enders

Hope Favreau

Shawn Graham

Dyanne Griffith

Charles Hoskinson

Jennifer Leonard

Jennifer McDonald

*In recognition of superior work in identifying process weaknesses that kept VA from recovering hundreds of millions of dollars in reimbursements from private health insurers for community care.*

## General Services Administration OIG

### Multiple Award Schedule Program Audit Team

Susana Bandeira                      Thomas Tripple

*In recognition of outstanding efforts identifying significant deficiencies in how the General Services Administration negotiates and awards contracts under its \$40 billion-a-year Multiple Award Schedule Program.*

## National Aeronautics and Space Administration OIG

### Review of NASA's Management of the Earth Science Disasters Program Audit Team

Adrian Dupree                      David Lu                      Ray Tolomeo  
Sarah Hughes                      Lauren Suls

*In recognition of exceptional achievement and outstanding teamwork in identifying improvements needed in NASA's Management of the Earth Science Disasters Program.*

## National Science Foundation OIG

### Team for Audit of NSF's Vetting Process for Individuals Assigned Under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act

Harrison Ford                      Elizabeth Argeris Lewis                      Nacole White  
Heather Gallagher                      Ken Lish  
Jeremy Hall                      Melissa Woolson Prunchak

*In recognition of the team identifying significant weaknesses in NSF's vetting process that led to hiring ineligible candidates and candidates with significant risks related to foreign influence, resulting in NSF substantially strengthening its process.*

## Office of Personnel Management OIG

### Special Audits Group

Rick Davis                      Kevin Sikora                      Josh Swartzlander  
Luke Johnson                      Rhonda Surrena                      Jim Tuel

*In recognition of the Special Audits Group's excellent work in identifying \$15 million in prescription drug overcharges due to a carrier's failure to follow the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program transparency standards for pharmacy benefit managers.*

## Small Business Administration OIG

### Audit Team for SBA's Handling of Potentially Fraudulent Paycheck Protection Program Loans

Deven Burden                      Stephen Chow                      Usmaan Khan  
Kevin Caldwell                      Teresa Gray                      Amanda Zenner

*In recognition of the team's exemplary performance in identifying that SBA did not provide lenders sufficient specific guidance to effectively identify, track, address, and resolve potentially fraudulent loans in the \$813 billion Paycheck Protection Program.*

## Social Security Administration OIG

### Work Review Determinations for Disabled Beneficiaries

Lonnie Boeding  
Mary Correa

Tonya Eickman  
James Packman

Jennifer Storz

*In recognition of the team's expert work in completing a large-scope audit that identified control weaknesses in SSA's work review process for disabled beneficiaries, resulting in errors that led to over \$553 million in questionable benefit payments.*

## Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration

### Recovery Rebate Credit Team

James Allen

Meera Dave

Jane Lee

Deann Baiza

Johnathan Elder

Russell Martin

Michael Bibler

Karen Fulte

Donald Meyer

Jason Brammer

Brieane Hamaoka

David Robben

Karen Brown

Laura Haws

Ngan Tang

Hong Cao

Tracy Hernandez

Heidi Turbyfill

Laura Christofferson

Robert Howes

Linda Valentine

Shannon Cummings

Cheryl Joneckis

Tracy Winfield

*In recognition of outstanding achievements by the Recovery Rebate Credit Team in evaluating and reporting issues related to the Internal Revenue Service's efforts to administer legislatively required COVID-19 financial relief to individual taxpayers.*

## U.S. Postal Service OIG

### Review of National Change of Address and Moversguide Applications

Max Brown

Gerri Shanklin

Azim Wahba

Aris Burnett

Damian Taylor

Quinton Womack

Laura Roberts

*In recognition of outstanding achievement for evaluating security, availability, and identity verification controls for the Postal Service's National Change of Address applications.*



# Barry R. Snyder Joint Award



Barry R. Snyder was appointed as the Inspector General of the Federal Reserve Board (FRB) in 1998, where he served until 2006. In addition to the important oversight work he performed at FRB, he was the long serving Vice Chairperson of one of CIGIE’s predecessors, the Executive Council on Integrity and Efficiency (ECIE), whose membership included all Designated Federal Entity (DFE) IGs. During his tenure as ECIE Vice Chairperson, IG Snyder worked tirelessly with his counterparts at the President’s Council on Integrity and Efficiency (PCIE) to advance the mutual interests of all IGs across the Federal Government. His dedication to bringing Presidentially appointed and DFE IGs together helped lay the foundation for the organization that became CIGIE.

In recognition of his commitment to the IG Community and principles of teamwork, CIGIE presents this award to a team of individuals from multiple OIGs who made significant contributions through their cooperative efforts on matters of interest and importance to the IG Community, the Federal Government, and the public.

## Department of Health and Human Services OIG– Pandemic Response Accountability Committee

### PRAC Telehealth Team

#### HHS OIG

Miriam Anderson  
Erin Bliss  
John Gordon  
Vincent Greiber  
Alexis Mills  
Sabrina Morello  
Jodi Nudelman  
Megan Tinker  
Andrew VanLandingham

#### DOD OIG

Kevin Acosta  
Maurice Foster  
Laurel Gosmen  
Emil Kabban  
Towanda Meredith  
Kaleab Tesfaye  
Matthew Worner

#### DOJ OIG

Lincoln Berget  
Melanie Danberg  
Jan Hamm  
Max Kwass-Mason  
Bradley Nelson  
Alec Parker  
Allison Russo  
Michael Vertenten

#### DOL OIG

Lynn Allen  
Brittany Arias  
Dennis Asante  
Richard Fitzgerald  
Y.C. Lee  
Jon Ling  
Stephen Sovich  
Chaze Williams-Bey

#### OPM OIG

Stephanie Oliver

Dawn Schauer  
Jasmine Taylor  
Michael Weaver

#### PRAC

Emily Bond  
Jarrett Fussell  
Marc Geller  
Mey McLean

#### VA OIG

Jennifer Baptiste  
Irene Barnett  
Kim Cragg  
Benjamin Howe  
Julie Kroviak  
Patrice Marcarelli  
Daniel Morris  
Andrea Sandoval  
Leigh Ann Searight  
David Vibe

*In recognition of the outstanding cooperative effort of seven agencies to produce a groundbreaking report that provided key insights into telehealth services and its program integrity risks in Federal health care programs.*

The PRAC telehealth team, composed of partners from six OIGs (DOD, DOJ, DOL, HHS, OPM, and VA) and the PRAC, engaged in a groundbreaking collaboration during the COVID-19 pandemic. Their goal was to assess telehealth use across selected Federal health programs and the associated potential program integrity risks. Led by HHS OIG, the team used new tools to collaborate and issue a report.

Notably, the report revealed dramatic increases in telehealth use during the first year of the pandemic, when 37 million individuals used more than \$6 billion in telehealth services across the examined Federal programs. The report went on to identify and discuss the risks for fraud in the telehealth field, including the risk of billing for the same service twice, inappropriately billing the most expensive level of service, and billing for services that are not suitable for telehealth.

The team's work successfully highlighted for policymakers that looming decisions about the emerging future of telehealth flexibilities must balance changing consumer demand with necessary protections against fraud, waste, and abuse. Achieving this balance requires complete and reliable data, as well as additional safeguards to strengthen program integrity and minimize risk.

# Evaluations Awards for Excellence

## Architect of the Capitol OIG

**Audrey Cree**

*In recognition of the AOC OIG Inspections and Evaluations Division's evaluation of the AOC's security badging program, which has resulted in the creation of standardized policies and procedures and interagency collaboration to enhance the safety and security of the Capitol campus, its workforce, and its visitors.*

## Department of Energy OIG

### Allegations of Safety Concerns at the National Nuclear Security Administration Albuquerque Complex (DOE-OIG-23-03) Inspection Team

Jocelyn Chavez	Phillip Holbrook	Alison Velesz
Raymon Funes	Michael Sanchez	

*In recognition of outstanding evaluation work that identified longstanding critical safety and personnel failures of a National Nuclear Security Administration facility maintenance and support services contractor.*

## Department of Health and Human Services OIG

### Protecting Unaccompanied Children Arriving at the Southern Border

Arlinda Arriaga	Haley Lubeck	Mollee Sultani
Laura Canfield	Diana Merelman	Jessica Swanstrom
Eyana Esters	Melissa Rumley	Kelly Waldhoff
Miranda Fanning	Marcia Sayer	Abbi Warmker
Caroline Filbrun	Catherine Spivey	Brian Whitley
Althea Hosein	Dana Squires	Erin Whittington

*In recognition of outstanding work to better protect the more than 100,000 unaccompanied children who annually arrive at the southern border of the United States.*

## Department of Homeland Security OIG

### DHS Actions Related to an I&A Intelligence Product Deviated from Standard Procedures (OIG-22-41)

Brendan Bacon	Adam Brown	Greg Flatow
Jennifer Berry	Anthony Crawford	Erika Lang

*In recognition of exceptional performance on a complex evaluation of the DHS Office of Intelligence and Analysis' drafting, editing, and disseminating an intelligence product regarding Russian interference in the 2020 U.S. Presidential election.*

## Department of Justice OIG

### Evaluation of Gender Equity in the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Training Process for New Special Agents and Intelligence Analysts at the FBI Academy

Kristopher Brash Dixon  
Taimiko Hayes

Joseph Meyer  
Bradley Nelson

Donellen Schlosser

*In recognition of innovative oversight in an evaluation of gender equity in the FBI's training process for new special agents and intelligence analysts at the FBI Academy.*

## Department of State OIG

### The Review of Challenges in the Afghan Placement and Assistance Program Team

Claire Bernard  
Amy Bowser  
Jeremy Brown

Ryan Dunn  
Nicole Matthis

Jeffrey McDermott  
Linette Romer

*In recognition of outstanding work evaluating the challenges faced by resettlement agencies in supporting Afghan evacuees after the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan.*

## Department of Veterans Affairs OIG

### Team for Improved Processing Needed for Veterans' Claims of Contaminated Water Exposure at Camp Lejeune

Christopher Beltz  
Daniel Blodgett  
Shae Buchanan  
Casey Crump

Kerri Leggiero-Yglesias  
Jill Russell  
Bryan Shaw

Clifford Stoddard  
William Tettermer  
Lisa Van Haeren

*In recognition of the team's remarkable efforts exposing VA's failure to care for and compensate veterans exposed to contaminated water at Camp Lejeune, resulting in the Veterans Benefits Administration centralizing processing to improve accuracy of deciding claims.*

## General Services Administration OIG

### Login.gov Evaluation Team

Tara Kilfoyle  
Kathleen Kohl  
Andrew Leitner

Christopher Pehrson  
Nicolas Shands

Patricia Sheehan  
Teresa Story

*In recognition of outstanding work that found GSA misled customer agencies for years regarding Login.gov's known noncompliance with digital identity standards and knowingly billed more than \$10 million for services that did not meet standards.*

## Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation OIG

### Terminated Vested Evaluation Team

Jensen Chan

Tiara Grotte

Charles Yao

John Foster

John Seger

*In recognition of exemplary efforts in identifying potential overpayments in the Special Financial Assistance program and protecting PBGC from reputational risk and potential waste of taxpayer dollars.*

## Office of Personnel Management OIG

### Office of Audits' Claim Audits and Analytics Group

Stephanie Oliver

Jasmine Taylor

Dawn Schauer

Michael Weaver

*In recognition of outstanding achievements by the Evaluation Team in protecting the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program from fraud, waste, and abuse and ensuring the safety and privacy of all Federal employees.*

## Tennessee Valley Authority OIG

### Christopher Sheets

*In recognition of the auditor's significant achievement in identifying noncompliant respirator fit, training, and storage, and delinquencies in medical evaluations.*

# Glenn/Roth Award for Exemplary Service

Senators John Glenn and William V. Roth, Jr., served together as the Chairman and Ranking Member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs for many years, often trading positions when party control of the Senate changed. After the passage of the Inspector General Act of 1978, both Senators became committed supporters of the IG community and were instrumental in seeing the Act expanded in 1988.

In 2003, as part of the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the IG Act's enactment, CIGIE's predecessor organizations established this award in honor of Senator Glenn's and Senator Roth's commitment to independent, objective, and transparent oversight. Today, CIGIE continues this tradition by awarding the Glenn/Roth Exemplary Service Award to an individual or group whose efforts enhance Congress' ability to pass valuable legislation and/or conduct meaningful oversight of Government programs.



## Department of Veterans Affairs OIG

### Teams Ensuring VA Fulfills Duties to Veterans Exposed to Burn Pits

Kalli Anello	Kendall Ferguson	Andrea Salas
Clifton Baker	Elyce Girouard	Michael Soybel
Kathy Berrada	Charles Hoskinson	Michael Stack
Daniel Blodgett	Yu-Fang Li	Dana Sullivan
Nelvy Viguera Butler	Janet Mah	Claudia Wellborn
Brett Byrd	Michael Reyes	Leslie Yuri
Camielle Compton	Corina Riba	
Christopher Dong	Despina Saeger	

*In recognition of exemplary efforts to report on VA's failures to care for and compensate veterans exposed to burn pits, highlighting the urgent need to pass legislation that ensures they receive the healthcare and benefits to which they are entitled.*

Approximately 3.5 million veterans may have been exposed to airborne hazards and toxins from open burn pits and other sources—exposure that has the potential to cause both immediate and delayed health problems. The Department of Veterans Affairs has struggled to provide benefits and care to veterans who developed disabilities related to exposure to burn pits.

The VA OIG team's evaluation of persistent errors in processing burn pit exposure benefit claims and their analysis of a broken registry exam process provided Congress with crucial data and compelling evidence to inform legislation addressing these problems. At the time, Congress was considering the PACT Act, which would make it easier for veterans to prove that burn pits caused their disabilities, provide toxic exposure screening to every veteran enrolled in VA health care, and improve research and treatment.

The PACT Act was signed by President Biden on August 10, 2022, and is perhaps the largest expansion of veterans' health care and benefits in history.

# Inspections Awards for Excellence

## Department of the Interior OIG

### Department Password Complexity Inspection Team

Ted Dykstra

Jennifer Fonken

Deanna Masterson

Jennifer Fedewa

Jefferson Gilkeson

Liz Pena-Fletcher

*In recognition of DOI OIG IT evaluators who developed an innovative approach that identified significant enterprise-wide weaknesses in the Department's password and user account management practices.*

## Department of the Interior OIG

### Inspection of DOI Bureaus' Analyses of Effective Royalty Rates Team

Amy Billings

Julianne Cochran

Joseph Randolph

Paul Burns

Colleen Kotzmoyer

*In recognition of the team's complex review establishing DOI does not analyze effective royalty rates for Federal oil & gas and that such analysis is critical for effective program management.*

## Department of State OIG

### Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs Inspection Team

Colleen Ayers

Monica Friday

Shawn O'Reilly

David Becker

John Hardman

Vandana Patel

Stephen Caldwell

John Lightner

Terry Rusch

Ellen Engels

Matt Lunn

Abigail Sebastian

Brett Fegley

Caroline Mangelsdorf

Daniel Tessler

John Finkbeiner

Paula Mathews

*In recognition of exemplary performance in identifying critical deficiencies in the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, including a lack of oversight of more than \$1 billion in U.S. foreign assistance funds.*

# Information Technology Awards for Excellence

## CIGIE Technology Committee

### Cybersecurity Workgroup Team

**DHS OIG**

Ruth Blevins

**DOD OIG**

Sean Keaney

**USITC OIG**

Julio Mercado

**DOC OIG**

Charles Mitchell

**NSA OIG**

Jayne Wilson

*In recognition of establishing and furthering the CIGIE Technology Committee's goal of raising cybersecurity awareness across CIGIE member organizations through the Cybersecurity Working Group's newsletters, training, outreach, and events.*

## Federal Reserve Board and CFPB OIG

### FISMA Metrics and Evaluation Guide Working Group

**CPSC OIG**

Daniel Burrows

Gbenga Oguntade

Todd Truax

**HUD OIG**

John Garceau

Randy Jackson

Kirk Van Camp

Craig Wood

**DNI OIG**

Melissa Fierra

Jamie Horvath

Richard Ng

Dave Whitcomb

**EEOC OIG**

Gregory Frazier

**Education OIG**

Joey Maranto

**OMB**

Kristine Lam

Daniel Week

**DOC OIG**

Trish Cooper

Alan Shultz

**FRB OIG**

Joshua Dieckert

Chelsea Nguyen

Paul Vaclavik

**SEC OIG**

Michael Burger

Sara Tete Nkongo

**DOD OIG**

Phillip Faller

**HHS OIG**

Ko Williams

*In recognition of the outstanding contributions to improving and driving consistency in OIG evaluations of agencies' information security programs under the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014 (FISMA).*

## Office of Personnel Management OIG

### Information Systems Audits Group

Matthew Antunez

Christopher P. Bouchey

Ashania N. Carrington

Kevin N. Ghadia

Eric W. Keehan

Stephen M. Sala

*In recognition of outstanding achievements by the audit team in showing exceptional skill and diligence in identifying systemic vulnerabilities that could have exposed Federal employees' protected health information to unauthorized access.*



# Management Awards for Excellence

## Department of Health and Human Services OIG

**Phillip Coyne**

*In recognition of sustained contributions to HHS OIG as Special Agent in Charge of an investigative region that has achieved over 540 criminal convictions and over \$12 billion in monetary recoveries over the past decade.*

## Small Business Administration OIG

**Audit Team for SBA's Guaranty Purchases for Paycheck Protection Program Loans**

Min A

Samuel Bronson

Kevin Caldwell

Stephen Chow

Berenisse Davila-Casiano

Teresa Gray

Usmaan Khan

*In recognition of the team's exemplary performance in identifying that SBA ended collections on purchased PPP loans valued at \$100,000 or less, totaling \$1.1 billion, without conducting a sufficient cost-benefit analysis to support its decision.*

# Law and Legislation Award for Excellence

## Peace Corps OIG – CIGIE Legislation Committee

**CIGIE Legislation Committee Team for the 117th Congress**

**CIGIE**

Atticus Reaser

**FTC OIG**

Marissa Gould

**OPM OIG**

Angela Kendera

**DOJ OIG**

Adam Miles

**HUD OIG**

Christopher Fontanesi

**Peace Corps OIG**

Ranju Shrestha

Elizabeth Sweetland

**DOT OIG**

Eric Dugger

**ITC OIG**

Jill Trynosky

**SSA OIG**

Michele Bloom

**FDIC OIG**

Michael McCarthy

**NGA OIG**

Jacquelyn Phillips

*In recognition of the CIGIE Legislation Committee team's excellence in providing technical assistance to Congress supporting changes in law enhancing IG authorities and independence.*

# Gaston L. Gianni, Jr. Better Government Award

Gaston L. Gianni, Jr., was confirmed as the first presidentially appointed Inspector General of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) in 1996. He served in that role until his retirement from Federal service in 2004. During his tenure at FDIC, IG Gianni served as the Vice Chairperson of the President’s Council on Integrity and Efficiency, a predecessor to CIGIE. In that role, he worked closely with other IGs to coordinate community-wide issues related to the effective operations of OIGs. Before joining the FDIC, IG Gianni was a senior executive at the Government Accountability Office, where he served for over 31 years. In recognition of IG Gianni’s lifetime commitment to Federal oversight, CIGIE presents this award to an individual or group whose efforts, accomplishments, or actions enhance the public’s confidence in the Government and that exemplify the highest ideals of public service.

This year, CIGIE is pleased to announce there was a tie for this award.



## U.S. Agency for International Development OIG

### Accountability of United Nations Officials for Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Against Women and Children in Africa Team

Shelby Colson

Miguel Guardian

Laura Rousseau

Mark Day

Adam Kaplan

*In recognition of the team’s exemplary and unprecedented efforts in securing and analyzing evidence that allowed USAID to hold officials from the U.N. World Health Organization accountable for sexual exploitation and abuse of women and children in Africa.*

The international media recently reported that more than 30 women made over 50 allegations of widespread sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) by personnel affiliated with the World Health Organization (WHO) in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Over an 18-month period, USAID OIG investigators and attorneys engaged with U.S. interagency counterparts to respond to these allegations. USAID OIG team members traveled to Geneva to encourage WHO officials directly to share information.

As a direct result of the team’s efforts, WHO shared hundreds of previously unreleased investigative documents. The USAID OIG investigation found substantiated widespread allegations of SEA, rape, and harassment (including against girls as young as age 13) by WHO staff and partners. The team also found that senior level WHO staff in Geneva were aware of the allegations but failed to take appropriate action.

Based on referrals by USAID OIG, USAID has debarred two individuals and suspended and proposed debarment of eight additional people responsible for the horrific assaults in the DRC. These are the first known U.S. Government debarments of U.N. officials determined to have engaged in SEA. They will protect other women and children by preventing these individuals from working on U.S. Government funded projects.



## Architect of the Capitol OIG

### Team Investigating the Former Architect of the Capitol

Meghan Blasi

Kristy Miller

Abbey Tereba

Natasha Garcia

Sally Smith

*In recognition of the AOC OIG's investigation of misuse of taxpayer funds and ethical violations by the former Architect of the Capitol to ensure accountability, integrity, and enhance the public's confidence in senior Government leaders.*

Over the course of a 2-year investigation, the AOC OIG Investigative Division revealed a series of egregious actions by the former Architect of the Capitol, including that he repeatedly abused his authority, treated Government property as his own, and wasted taxpayer money. For example, the former Architect permitted family members to drive AOC vehicles for personal vacations. During one excursion, the AOC car was involved in a minor accident and the former Architect represented to the other driver that he was an "agent" and that the Government would pay for the repairs (which it did). The AOC OIG team then uncovered evidence that the former Architect used an AOC vehicle equipped with emergency devices to pursue a hit-and-run suspect who struck his daughter's boyfriend's vehicle. Others involved in the accident, including local law enforcement, were under the impression that he was a Federal law enforcement officer.

The results of the AOC OIG investigative team's work led to bipartisan calls for the former Architect's resignation. Congress also included language in the Omnibus Appropriations bill to prevent Federal funds from being used for a home-to-work vehicle for the Architect. President Biden removed the former Architect in February 2023.

# Investigation Awards for Excellence

## Amtrak (National Railroad Passenger Corporation) OIG

### Dr. Michael Ligotti Investigative Team

**Amtrak**

Jill Maroney

**FBI**

Luz Delgado

John Gerrity

William Stewart

Frances Szczepanski

**FL State Government**

Mark Berey

Scott Utecht

**DOJ**

Alexandra Chase

James Hayes

Ligia Markman

**IRS**

Pam Martin

*In recognition of the unrelenting investigative efforts of the Dr. Michael Ligotti investigative team, whose collective work brought justice to the most prolific addiction treatment fraud doctor ever charged by the Department of Justice.*

## Department of Defense OIG

### Dakota Outerwear Investigative Team

**DHS**

Tiffany Willshaw

**DOD OIG**

Amy Mousseau

**GSA OIG**

James Blanchard

Antonietta Steeley

**DOD**

Vincent DeSalvo

Shane Galbraith

Lance Marble

Andrew Stevens

**DOJ**

Zachary Cunha

Sandra Hebert

Lee Vilker

*In recognition of the multiagency effort to protect Service members.*

## Department of Education OIG

### Apex School of Theology Investigative Team

**DOJ**

Leslie S. Garthwaite

Spencer Ryan

**Education OIG**

Bruno Boggi

Rodney Fair

**FBI**

Kate Furtak

**IRS**

Joshua Etheredge

*In recognition of exemplary investigative efforts, resulting in the prosecution of Apex School of Theology for perpetrating a multimillion dollar fraud scheme to misappropriate Federal financial aid funds for personal enrichment.*

## Department of Education OIG

### Studio DRB Productions Investigation Team

<b>DOJ</b>	<b>Education OIG</b>	Carrie Jackson
Samir Kaushal	Rodney Fair	Keith Spears
	Christopher Hessberger	Jason Vann
	Melissa Hall	

*In recognition of exemplary efforts that led to the prosecution of De'reek Banks and Studio DRB Productions for perpetrating the largest and costliest fraud scheme involving the Department of Education's Total and Permanent Disability Discharge program.*

## Department of Energy OIG

### MOX Services Fraud Investigation Team

<b>DOJ</b>	<b>Energy OIG</b>	Kevin Gordons
Richard Brisson	Pauline Conner	Richard Sample
Sheria Clarke	Mary-Ellen Faubert	Rory Skaggs
James Leventis	Anne Frate	Don Williamson
John Potterfield	Ryan Fussell	
Johanna Valenzuela	Tony Ginn	

*In recognition of outstanding investigative work that identified major gratuities and embezzlement schemes hobbling the Nation's largest effort to repurpose military nuclear material into commercial fuel to produce electricity.*

## Department of Health and Human Services OIG

### St. Gabriel Health Clinic Investigative Team

<b>DOJ</b>	Kelly Walters	<b>HHS OIG</b>
Kristen Craig	Justin Woodard	Ritchard Houdashelt
		Joseph Springer

*In recognition of the St. Gabriel Health Clinic investigative team who delivered justice for the Louisiana Medicaid program and children falsely diagnosed with serious mental health disorders.*

### Patricia Derges Investigation Team

<b>DOJ</b>	<b>HHS OIG</b>	Teresa Dailey
Randy Eggert	Amanda Burrows	Michael Effland
Shannon Kempf		
Kevin Kline		

*In recognition of the outstanding investigation of Patricia Derges, an assistant physician and Missouri State Representative, which resulted in prosecution of COVID-19 fraud, stem cell fraud, and illegal distribution of prescription drugs.*

## Department of Justice OIG

### Team Responsible for Convicting a Deputy U.S. Marshal for Cyberstalking and Framing His Ex-Fiancée for Attempted Sexual Assault

Heather DePremio	Harry Lidsky	Rebecca Ross
Jason Higley	Marco Palmieri	Mona Sedky
Jeremy Hunt		

*In recognition of the team members who investigated and successfully prosecuted a Deputy United States Marshal who engaged in a scheme to frame and imprison his ex-fiancée.*

## Department of Labor OIG

### Fontrell Baines Investigative Team

<b>DOJ</b>	<b>DOL OIG</b>	Ivant Romo
Ranee Katzenstein	Michael Blas	Marcus Valle
	Michael Lee	

*In recognition of the exemplary investigation and prosecution in the matter of U.S. v. Fontrell Baines, which mitigated Baines' criminal manipulation of the pandemic benefit system and served as a public deterrent for those seeking to commit fraud.*

## Department of State OIG

### Theft of Government Pensions Investigative Team

<b>CBP</b>	<b>DOJ</b>	<b>State OIG</b>
Raymond Sanicola	Justin Ellard	Danielle Desfosses
	T. Josiah Pertz	Stephen Green
<b>Commercial Partners</b>		Jose Marquez
Clint Lee		Christopher Swenson
Stacy Nett		Peter Yeager

*In recognition of outstanding investigative work that identified and brought to justice a subject responsible for a series of schemes that defrauded individuals of their retirement pay and other benefits amounting to approximately \$5 million.*

## Department of Veterans Affairs OIG

### VA OIG's Post-9/11 GI Bill Nationwide Fraud Initiative

#### DOJ

Christopher Howard

#### VA OIG

Lauren Archer  
Darius Asgari  
Patricia Baker  
Davis Beasley  
Gilbert Besana  
Tina Bjorsvik  
Robert Blenkinsop  
Branton Blout  
Mary Kay Bunting  
Diana Cahill  
Patrick Crockett  
Sean Duffy  
Robyn Eddy  
Jason Farrell  
Heidi Ficke  
Greg Fitzgerald  
Tiana Fohne  
Spencer Gould

Jason Grussendorf  
Chris Hemerka  
Dan Henson  
Hunter Hinton  
Travis Hunter  
Jorge Jimenez  
Sean Keen  
Molly King  
Greg Kitsos  
Michael Klier  
Charles Knorr  
Christ Kong  
Jason Kravetz  
Stefan Larese  
Josh Lollar  
Ian Loske  
Robert Lupe  
Michael McCarthy  
Joseph McGivern  
Sara Medina  
Mark Mientek  
Will Nelson

Amber Nichols  
Brian O'Flaherty  
Katie O'Neil  
Shane Osterhaus  
Angela Picou  
Stephen Ramos  
Scott Redding  
Anthony Russo  
David Spilker  
Rebeccalynn Staples  
Kendrick Stoudmire  
Danny Stroup  
Marvin Thomas  
Beau Timberlake  
Jenny Walenta  
Siobhan Wells  
Greg Wentz  
JD Vaught  
Ken Velazquez  
Darrell Zorn

*In recognition of VA OIG's efforts to combat over \$100 million in program fraud impacting VA's Post-9/11 GI Bill, a foundational benefit that veterans earn through their service to our country.*

## Department of Veterans Affairs OIG

### *Purvis et al.* Investigation

#### DOJ

KT Newton  
Amanda Perwin  
Harry Schimkat  
Roger Stefin

#### VA OIG

William Bailey  
Patrick Crockett  
Ryan Gholson  
Dan Henson  
Hunter Hinton  
Travis Hunter  
Sean Keen  
Lance Kramer

Annie Li  
Sara Medina  
Jane Muir  
James Mumma  
Brett Nelson  
Sandra Parsons  
David Spilker  
Sally Stevens  
Beau Timberlake

*In recognition of the team's multijurisdictional efforts in combating bribery within VA's programs and operations where vendors paid bribes to VA employees in exchange for purchase card and service and construction contracts with VA.*

## Department of Veterans Affairs OIG

### Zieson Construction Multiagency Investigative Team

#### DCAA

Colin Feeney  
Melissa Schott

#### DOD

Carlos Campos  
Cameron Edlefsen  
Kyle Graham  
Allen Stewart  
Jacob Tudor

#### DOD OIG

Rebecca Bak  
Kathy Palmer  
Prashant Rangnath

#### DOJ

Paul Becker  
Erica Curp  
Kate Mahoney  
Stacey Perkins Rock  
Doan Vo

#### DOL OIG

Lee Gilgour

#### IRS

Jason Brushwood  
Jerry Whitten

#### USSS

Terry Johnson  
John Seubert

#### VA OIG

Katharine Brown  
John Cress  
Chris Conn  
David Garcia  
Ryan Gholson  
Staci Gurin  
Suzanne Humeniak  
Roy LaFollette  
Brett Lehnert  
Shane Osterhaus  
Dao Pham  
Jay Roberts  
Chris Tauai  
Dan White

*In recognition of exceptional achievement in uncovering a conspiracy to defraud multiple Federal agencies of \$346 million through the misrepresentations of multiple companies' small business set-aside statuses.*

## Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation OIG

### U.S. v. Easterday Investigation Team

#### DOJ

Brian M. Donovan  
John "Fritz" Scanlon  
Russell E. Smoot

#### FDIC OIG

David Ceron  
Toshiro Muragaki  
Michael Rexrode

#### USPS

Misty Racimo

*In recognition of the skilled investigation and prosecution of the Cody Easterday/Easterday Ranches, Inc.'s \$244 million "Ghost Cattle" fraud scheme.*

## National Aeronautics and Space Administration OIG

### Investigation of 20-year Kickbacks and Bribery Fraud Investigations Team

#### DOJ

Kimberly Shartar  
Jamar Walker

#### FBI

Jeffrey Johannes

#### IRS

Patrick Smith

#### NASA OIG

Thomas Atherton  
Jennifer DeSio

Amy Longden  
Victoria Mannion  
Ben McElyea  
Timothy Metz  
Greg Nagurka  
John Wilbur

*In recognition of exceptional team achievement in the investigation of a 20-year kickback scheme that defrauded NASA and the Internal Revenue Service through \$700,000 in bribes in exchange for Federal contracts.*



## National Security Agency OIG

### Labor Mischarging

<b>DOD OIG</b> Keith B. Nathaniel B.	Jefferson G.	Holly H. Lori H. Maxine M.
<b>DOJ</b> Peter C.	<b>NSA OIG</b> Brook D. Cindy D. Ericka H.	Brian P. Holly P.

*In recognition of outstanding investigative work resulting in a jury conviction, after a monthlong trial, for fraud by a Chief Executive Officer who was a contractor within the intelligence community.*

## Special Inspector General for Pandemic Recovery

### TEC Ventures LLC Investigative Team

<b>DOJ</b> Suzanne Nebesky Trenton Reichling Julie Simonsen	<b>SIGPR</b> Grace Bruno Rogelio De Se Sedas Peter Gabrielli	Christopher Hall Jack Hanly Megan Heister
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*In recognition of outstanding collaboration by a multidisciplinary investigative team of forensic accountants, investigators, and attorneys resulting in the prosecution of Daniel Tisone.*

## U.S. Postal Service OIG

### Sean Baer

*In recognition of Special Agent Sean Baer's outstanding investigation efforts leading to the prosecution of a major Postal Service subcontractor who had been defrauding the USPS through its facilities maintenance services contract.*

### Compounding Solutions Insurance Fraud

<b>DOD OIG</b> Derek Harmon	<b>DOL OIG</b> Erica Faust	<b>VA OIG</b> Ryan Salinas Patricia Williams
<b>DOJ</b> Jay McCormack Patrick Queenan Catherine Wagner	<b>USPS OIG</b> Adam Watson	

*In recognition of the outstanding interagency investigative partnership led by Special Agent Adam Watson, which resulted in the prosecution of a major healthcare provider fraud scheme that defrauded health insurance providers and the DOL Office of Workers' Compensation.*

### Proactive Analytics for Investigations into Pandemic Aid Fraud

<b>PRAC</b> Sara Dendas Brien Lorenze Hong Zhou	<b>USPS OIG</b> Wilbert Arevalo-Sorto Michael Coss Bryan Glinkin	Ingrid Petrakis Harjot Sodhi
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*In recognition of the creation of the Special Unit Pandemic Response Dashboard, which resulted in identifying hundreds of pandemic relief cases, with criminal and administrative actions and tens of thousands of dollars returned to the USPS.*

# Award for Individual Accomplishment

Shortly after CIGIE’s creation by the Inspector General Reform Act of 2008, CIGIE’s new leadership established this award to specifically recognize sustained contributions by an individual or outstanding leadership of a project or event that contributes significantly to CIGIE’s mission.



**Jon-Paul Correira**  
HHS OIG

## Department of Health and Human Services OIG

### Jon-Paul Correira

*In recognition of tireless efforts as a leader within the CIGIE investigations community to create and staff an impactful policy working group, educate CIGIE agencies on the peer review process, and provide guidance to the OIG community.*

Assistant Special Agent in Charge Jon-Paul Correira is a leader both within HHS OIG and across the CIGIE community. When he began working at HHS OIG’s headquarters as the Director of Policy and Inspections, he established and co-chaired the CIGIE Policy Developers Working Group to share materials and coordinate knowledge of IG policies and procedures.

To further continuing education and encourage information sharing across the CIGIE investigative community, Correira also organizes semiannual meetings to discuss and learn about relevant and timely topics, including legal and constitutional issues; health, safety, and protection matters; emerging threats; and other evolving issues. For these meetings, he has recruited speakers from across the Government, including the Department of Justice, the Executive Office of the President, the Office of Personnel Management, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as well as from OIGs across the community.

When President Biden issued Executive Order No. 14074, *Advancing Effective, Accountable Policing and Criminal Justice Practices to Enhance Public Trust and Safety*, Correira drew on his depth of leadership experience and skills to help the OIG investigative community. He created a timeline for distribution to all working group members showing due dates for the executive order’s requirements. After drafting HHS OIG’s policy updates, he then shared these as examples for others. He also joined two interagency working groups developing guidance required under the executive order. Lastly, he worked with representatives from DOJ, HHS, EOP, and OPM to provide presentations to the Assistant Inspectors General for Investigations Committee and the CIGIE Policy Developers Working Group on their roles and views on the reporting requirements under the new executive order. These presentations were incredibly helpful and allowed CIGIE members to be better positioned to meet their new responsibilities under the executive order.

# Government Ethics Award for Excellence

## Department of State OIG

### The Review of the Recruitment and Selection Process for Public Members of Foreign Service Selection Boards Team

Claire Barnard

Johanna Nathanson

Brian Volsky

Amy Bowser

Julie Silvers

*In recognition of outstanding work reviewing and reporting on allegations of nepotism and favoritism in the contract award process for Department of State Foreign Service Selection Board public member positions.*

# Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility Award for Excellence

## Department of Transportation – CIGIE DEIA Committee

### DEIA Recruitment Development & Recognition Team

#### CIGIE

Sarah Harrington

Tysan Williams

#### DOT OIG

Anita Bonds

Cordelia Bowers

Risikat Oshodi

Angelica Perez

Shawn Sales

Dion Smith

#### Education OIG

Joy Stith

#### EEOC OIG

Nina Murphy

#### HHS OIG

Stephanie Moore

#### NASA OIG

Jennifer Bryan

Adelle Harris

Laurence Hawkins

Jane Lusaka

Yessica Nelson

Bouvette Pennington

*In recognition of outstanding cross-agency collaboration to design, produce, and manage the inaugural career fair and information session aimed at increasing awareness, recruitment, diversity, and engagement across all OIGs.*



# Special Act Awards for Excellence

## Department of Agriculture OIG

**Mark Barnhart**

*In recognition of his dedication to investigating animal fighting and other animal welfare violations throughout his career with USDA OIG.*

## Department of Veterans Affairs OIG

**Jeffrey Ferris**

*In recognition of the personal sacrifice, exceptional investigative work, and unwavering dedication demonstrated in successfully investigating one of the most important COVID-19 pandemic fraud investigations in VA OIG history.*

## Department of Veterans Affairs OIG

**Little Rock, Arkansas, Tornado Search and Rescue Response Team**

Taylor Marsh

Jeremiah Reppert

Mickey Schuetzle

Kris Raper

*In recognition of the VA OIG South Central Field Office's sacrifice, extraordinary heroism, and unwavering devotion to duty and community while responding to the tornado outbreak in Central Arkansas on March 31, 2023.*

## Election Assistance Commission OIG

**Get-Out-the-Vote Advisory Team**

Sarah Dreyer

Joshua Shoemaker

*In recognition of outstanding contributions to improve guidance on allowable and unallowable contribution expenditures.*

## Federal Communications Commission OIG

**Hillary Burchuk and Thomas Bennett**

*In recognition of outstanding performance in the conduct of an investigation into multiple allegations of wrongdoing by an Inspector General and Deputy Inspector General on behalf of the CIGIE Integrity Committee.*

## Peace Corps OIG

**OIG Joint Evaluation/Investigation Review of Peace Corps Response to Reports of Sexual Assaults**

Franz Blanchard

Kristine Hoffer

Kareen Vares

Paul Desautels

Reuben Marshall

*In recognition of the team's dedication and collaboration on a cross-functional review of reports of sexual assaults at eight Peace Corps posts.*

# Sentner Award for Dedication and Courage

On June 21, 2006, Special Agent William Sentner III of the DOJ OIG was working with the FBI on an investigation involving corrupt prison guards in a Federal prison in Tallahassee, Florida. As a result of the investigation, six prison guards were indicted for sexually abusing female inmates, smuggling contraband into the institution, and threatening the inmates with retaliation if they exposed the criminal acts.

Special Agent Sentner was part of the joint DOJ OIG-FBI team that went to the prison to arrest the six guards. At the prison, as one of the guards was being arrested, he produced a gun from his bag and began firing. The guard first shot a prison lieutenant and then shot Special Agent Sentner. Before the guard was able to fire at other personnel, Special Agent Sentner returned fire, fatally wounding the guard. Special Agent Sentner saved the lives of several other law enforcement officers while sacrificing his own, as he later died of his wound.

On October 22, 2008, President George W. Bush honored Special Agent Sentner by posthumously awarding him the Medal of Valor, the highest national award for a public safety officer. Today, CIGIE bestows the Sentner Award for Dedication and Courage on an individual or group who demonstrates uncommon selflessness, dedication to duty, or courage while performing OIG duties.



## U.S. Agency for International Development OIG

### A. Phillips

*In recognition of Special Agent Phillips' uncommon selflessness, dedication to duty, and courage related to her tireless efforts to improve USAID OIG operations and her groundbreaking work on a violent crime gang task force.*

In August 2019, the U.S. Government launched Joint Task Force Vulcan (JTFV), an initiative to disrupt, dismantle, and destroy the international criminal organization known as MS-13. Special Agent Phillips joined the JTFV in 2021 as the sole representative of USAID OIG, focusing on investigating allegations of U.S. Government funding and personnel involved in MS-13 activities.

Phillips has been an integral part of the task force, participating in several joint temporary duty assignments, including many abroad. She represented USAID OIG exceptionally well and provided critical support to the U.S. Government's efforts. Moreover, Phillips learned valuable new investigative techniques that she brought back and shared with her USAID OIG colleagues, helping to ensure that the office will have additional opportunities for success in the future.

# Multiple Disciplines Awards for Excellence

## Department of Defense OIG

### The Ukraine Oversight Interagency Working Group

#### DHS OIG

Thomas Kait  
Melanie Lake  
Tatyana Martell

#### DNI OIG

Alfred Perez  
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#### DOC OIG

Amber Dobson  
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Michelle Cerna  
Bryan Clark  
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Kimberly Crenshaw  
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Todd Cyril  
Richard Demler  
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David Edwards  
Katrin Elliott  
Andrew Fechhelm  
Charles Fones  
Dona Foreman  
Marguerite Garrison  
Patrick Gookin  
Calvin Hursey  
James Ives  
Andrea Jafri  
Kenneth Kops  
Brett Mansfield

Kelly Mayo

Troy Meyer  
Craig Michaels  
Louis Mitchell  
Rachel Neben

Stanley Newell

Makayla Nutt  
Kevin O'Connor  
Juan Pellicier  
Giormary Peluyera

Dennis Petersen  
Jason Pinkerton  
Matthew Pitzer  
Eston Presnell

Norman Printer

Megan Reed  
Scott Ridge  
Michael Roark  
Gregory Romero  
Mandy Rush  
Victor Sanguanboon  
Jesse Stasko  
Sean Sullivan  
Kaylan Swartz  
Lance Taylor  
James Trost

Jamie Vandesteene

William Vannurden  
Richard Vasquez  
Bill Vickers  
Ken Ward  
Scott Whitaker  
Timothy Wimette  
Helina Wong  
Warren Worth  
David Yacobucci

#### DOD

Steven Blake  
Joshua Ford  
Chae Gayles  
Carly Gifford  
Poppy Greer  
Marty Grenn  
Steven Hite  
Gerald Hughes  
William Jenkins  
Michelle Jordan  
Derrick Lee  
Scott Mooreland  
George O'Campo  
Adrian Outlaw  
Riza Pagan  
Mark Pezel  
Jeff Ramsey  
Jean Romero  
Christopher Seaforth  
Leslie Shipp  
Thomas Sirois  
Steven Stonely  
Debby Windland  
Davie Wright

#### DOJ OIG

Danielle Huntley  
Sean Relay  
Elizabeth Smith

#### Energy OIG

Jocelyn Chavez  
Phil Holbrook

#### EX-IM OIG

Jonathon Walz

**GAO**

Cheryl Andrew  
 Natalya Barden  
 Thomas Baril, Jr.  
 Katie Bolduc  
 Thomas (TC) Corless  
 Anthony Costulas  
 Alissa Czyz  
 Elizabeth Field  
 Richard Geiger  
 Daniel Glickstein  
 Brad Hunt  
 Chelsa Kenney  
 Joseph Kirschbaum  
 Heather Latta  
 Latesha Love-Grayer  
 Mike Maslowski  
 Diana Maurer  
 Tobin McMurdie  
 Randy Neice  
 Marcus Oliver  
 Bill Russell  
 Cary Russell  
 Matthew Ullengren  
 Kayli Westling  
 Kristy Williams

**HHS OIG**

Ann Maxwell

**IDFC OIG**

Darrell Benjamin  
 Michael Morris  
 John Warren

**NSA OIG**

Jamal Hall

**State OIG**

Alison Anzalone  
 Arne Baker  
 David Bernet  
 Justin Brown  
 Karen Burchard  
 Samantha Carter  
 Julia Chalmers  
 Aja Charity  
 Joanna Doulaveris  
 Brian Federico  
 William Fitzgibbons  
 Laura Hall  
 Ryan Holden  
 Elisabeth Kaminsky  
 Rachel Kell  
 Dan King  
 Jason Loeffler  
 Jamel Love  
 Amanda Murphy  
 Tinh Nguyen  
 Beverly O'Neill  
 Patrick Sampson  
 Leonard "Skip" Sargent  
 Robert Smolich  
 Michael Speckhardt  
 Latesha Turner  
 Mike Vennemann  
 Rong Wang

**Treasury OIG**

Pauletta Battle  
 Gregory Sullivan  
 Justin Walker

**USAID OIG**

Joe Aiosa  
 Toayoa Aldridge  
 Amy Burns  
 David Clark  
 Mark Day  
 Marc Dominianni  
 Jason Donnelly  
 Emily Gardiner  
 Erica Greenwald  
 Jennifer Herrmann  
 Rameeth Hundle  
 Kathrina James  
 Eve Joseph  
 Adam Kaplan  
 Curtis Lafferty  
 Sarah Larson  
 Hannah Maloney  
 Marc Meyer  
 Alexandra Morgan  
 Ashley Obando  
 Bill Schwinn  
 Laura Scott  
 Gabriele Tonsil  
 Tovah Rom Trom  
 Rishi Udeshi  
 Emilie Weisser  
 Ryan Werner

*In recognition of the oversight partners who established an interagency working group, issued a joint strategic plan, and remain dedicated to ensuring whole-of-government oversight and reporting of the U.S. Government's assistance to Ukraine Response.*



## Department of Defense OIG

### The Civil Cyber Fraud Team

Jason Allmon	Kenneth DeChellis	Nicholas Mork
Daniel Alvarez	Julian Freeman	Anissa Nash
Hayden Amstuz	Jacob Gonzalez	Austin Ness
Terrell Ashford	Bryan Hanusey	Gbenga Oguntade
Mariatu Bah	Vaughn Hatton	Candace Patterson
Cayce Breitmaier	Ryan Hauck	Brendan Podgorski
Nicholas Brown	Eldewins Haynes	Gary Price
Jeffrey Burke	Robert Johnson	Kurt Roos II
Luke Carter	Sean Keane	Paul Russell
Juana Cordova	Victor Kirk	Lindsay Smith
Greg Crawford	Amaury Marin	Justin Symonds
Eugene Cunneely	James Minter	Tiffanie Tran
Carolyn Davis	Erik Mork	Amanda Wagschal

*In recognition of the outstanding oversight efforts of the DOD OIG Civil Cyber Fraud Team, whose diligent work will bolster national security by ensuring that DOD contractors failing to meet cybersecurity standards are held fully accountable.*

## Department of Health and Human Services OIG

### Protection of Children Served by the Administration for Children and Families

Dan Bittner	James Korn	Louise Schoggen
Kevin Crowell	Haley Lubeck	Dana Squires
Katherine Harris	Kevin Manley	Jessica Swanstrom
Maritza Hawrey	Diana Merelman	David Tawes
Andrea Hofstetter	Christine Moritz	Sonia Viramontes
Althea Hosein	Debbie Personett	Abbi Warmker
Jenn Hutnich	Glenn Richter	Brian Whitley
Suriya Karim	Chris Riley	

*In recognition of the HHS OIG's multidisciplinary work improving child safety and well-being, including those missing from foster care, sex-trafficking victims, and those in Federal programs.*

## Department of Justice OIG

### DOJ OIG Interdisciplinary Review Team for BOP's Medical Services Contracts

Alyse Altenburg	Jeremy Jefferson	Michael Pannone
Shenika Cox	Jill Miscavage	Sachiko Reid
Andrew Germain	Tonya Morrison	Jorge Sosa
Amber Howell	Bradley Nelson	Glenn Stewart

*In recognition of the exemplary efforts of the interdisciplinary team of DOJ OIG auditors, investigators, and inspectors in identifying systemic issues in the Federal Bureau of Prisons' management and oversight of its medical services contracts.*

## Department of Veterans Affairs OIG

### VA OIG Team that Scrutinized Security and Critical Incident Preparedness at VA Medical Facilities Nationwide

Andrew Albee	Nate Landkammer	Michael Soybel
Brittany Baker	Brad Lewis	Shawn Steele
Rhiannon Barron	Daniel Malik	Rachel Stroup
Cherelle Claiborne	Michael Martin	Aaron Weinberg
Kristina Dello	Karen Myers	Irena Yablonski
Marnette Dhooghe	Richard Pesce	Kotwoallama Reine Zerbo
Juliana Figueiredo	Sharonda Pryor	
Abigail Genitempo	Noak Smith	

*In recognition of the team's outstanding achievements in improving VA's security and preparedness by mobilizing 150 staff to identify security vulnerabilities and incident preparedness deficiencies at 70 VA medical facilities in 44 States within one week.*

## Pandemic Response Accountability Committee

### Pandemic Analytics Center of Excellence Team

<b>PRAC</b>	Jessi Hatter	<b>DOI OIG</b>
Eric Anderson	Nisha Kumaraswamy	Peter Sima-Eichler
Sarah Birmingham	Brien Lorenze	
Cedric Campbell	Minghua Ong	<b>SBA OIG</b>
Sansara Cannon	Harsha Vakkalanka	Michelle Blank
Sara Dendas	Hong Zhou	
Virginia Grebasch		

*In recognition of the strategic use of data to assist the OIG community with risk-based oversight and accountability.*

## Pandemic Response Accountability Committee

### Agile Oversight Forum Team

**AmeriCorps OIG**  
Dave Karakashian

Laura Nicolosi  
Jessica Southwell

Elaine Howle  
Ashleigh Miller  
Laura Nichols

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**FDIC OIG**  
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Luke Itnyre  
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Lisa Reijula  
Ami Schaefer  
Amanda Seese  
Jenniffer Wilson  
Matt Winchell  
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Marcus Gullett  
Clorinda Hernandez  
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Megan Tormey

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Troy Dopke  
Nicole Miller  
Kathleen Sedney  
Christopher Stubbs

**HHS OIG**  
Kaitlyn Braswell  
Jennifer Wagner

**USAID OIG**  
Lincoln Dada  
Hannah Maloney  
Marc Meyer  
Ryan Werner

**DOJ OIG**  
Jason Malmstrom

**NASA OIG**  
George Scott

**State Partners**  
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*Comptroller Office, NY*

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Tim Eagle  
Michael Frickel  
Carolyn Hantz

**PRAC**  
Jenn Contreras  
Marcos Contreras  
George Goodwin  
Lynn Houston

KyMBER Waltmunson  
*King County, WA*

*In recognition of the team's efforts to execute a first-of-its-kind learning event focused on best practices in agile oversight.*

## Small Business Administration OIG

### Interagency Team for SBA OIG's AI-Augmented Hotline Complaints Review Implementation

**PRAC**  
Sara Dendas  
Brien Lorenze  
Minghua Ong  
Hong Zhou

**SBA OIG**  
Sam Bronson  
Julio Gonzalez

Tia Mace  
Hala Nsouli

*In recognition of an interagency effort between SBA OIG and the PRAC's Pandemic Analytics Center of Excellence to implement artificial intelligence topic modelling to reduce a massive spike in pandemic-related hotline complaints.*

## U.S. Postal Service OIG

### Scans Away from the Delivery Location Power BI Tool

Jeffrey Agnew

Michael Butler

Germaine Kropilak

Steve Baumert

Adam Iravani

*In recognition of outstanding collaboration to build an interactive tool that detects USPS package scans away from delivery addresses, positively impacting customer service, data integrity, and ensuring compliance with regulations and policies.*

## U.S. Postal Service OIG

### Postal Service's Fleet Card Program

Michael Blaszczak

Alyse Hairston

Brent Radobicky

Stacey Bush-Simpson

Steven Mason

Greg Williams

Eugene Fayer

Frank McElligott

*In recognition of the USPS OIG cross-cutting team's work focusing on the internal controls, fraud, waste, and abuse associated with employee credit cards usage.*

# Alexander Hamilton Award

Alexander Hamilton was one of our country’s most influential Founding Fathers. He dedicated much of his life to public service, including as an aide-de-camp to General George Washington during the Revolutionary War, a representative at the Constitutional Convention, and Secretary of the U.S. Treasury, where he laid the foundation for our modern banking system. A lesser-known fact is that after Hamilton left his government positions in the 1790s, President Adams and former President Washington asked Hamilton to serve his country once more as tensions with France rose and the threat of war grew. As a result, Hamilton was the Inspector General of the United States Army from 1798 to 1800. Throughout his long career, IG Hamilton demonstrated a commitment to building and sustaining strong government structures and programs. In recognition of his accomplishments and his legacy, CIGIE presents this award to the individual or group who demonstrates outstanding achievements in improving the integrity, efficiency, or effectiveness of agency operations. The Alexander Hamilton Award constitutes CIGIE’s highest recognition.



## Department of Veterans Affairs OIG

### Team for Deficiencies in Lethal Means Safety Training, Firearms Access Assessment, and Safety Planning for Patients with Suicidal Behaviors by Firearm

Stephanie Beres	Victoria Eatherton	Meggan MacFarlane
Karen Berthiaume	Reynelda Garoutte	Marie Parry
Rachelle Biddles	Christopher Hoffman	Natalie Sadow
Jennifer Christensen	Dannette Johnson	Amber Singh
Limin Clegg	Terri Julian	Kelli Toure
Nhien Dutkin	Ping Luo	Elizabeth Winter

*In recognition of the team’s rigorous review of the medical records of 480 patients with suicidal behavior events, VA policy, staff training, and survey results of over 3,000 clinicians to identify actions needed to prevent veterans’ deaths by suicide.*

Approximately 17 veterans die by suicide daily, and 7 in 10 of those are from firearm injuries. Increasing the time and distance between a person in crisis and their access to firearms can save lives. The VA has made eliminating veteran suicide its top clinical priority.

The VA OIG team evaluated VA care providers’ completion of required lethal means safety (LMS) training on simple interventions that educate and encourage veterans and caregivers to use safe firearms storage practices, which are critical in preventing suicide.

The team made seven recommendations to facilitate suicide prevention by enhancing oversight, provider training, and lethal means assessments and interventions, while reducing barriers to firearms access discussions. As a result of their work, the VA is taking important steps to improve lethal means suicide prevention. These include convening subject matter experts to update the VA’s national policy on suicide prevention training, strengthening the LMS curriculum, and amending VA medical record templates to ensure care providers assess, discuss, and document firearms access and safe storage concerns with veterans.



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*In Remembrance*

# Remembering Our Colleagues

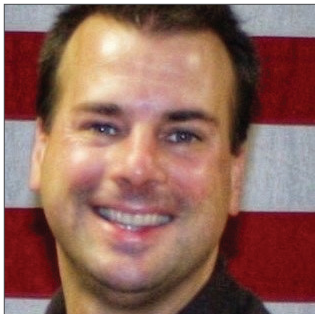


**David L. Hunt**  
*Inspector General, Federal  
Communications Commission*

David L. Hunt served as the Inspector General of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) from 2011 to 2023, after serving as the Acting Inspector General for nearly 2 years. He first joined the FCC in 1996 as an attorney-advisor in the Pricing Division of the former Common Carrier Bureau, where he helped implement some of the most complex provisions of the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

From 1999 to 2006, he was a senior attorney in the FCC's Enforcement Bureau where he managed formal complaints and conducted investigations, including a 2-year investigation of abuses within the Telecommunications Relay System. In early 2006 he joined the FCC's Office of Inspector General as the Assistant Inspector General for Investigations.

During his time at the FCC and FCC OIG, IG Hunt was awarded the FCC Gold Award as well as Excellence in Investigations Awards from CIGIE's predecessor organizations. Prior to joining the FCC, he worked as a trial attorney at several national law firms in Washington, DC, and Los Angeles, California, representing major national corporations in complex antitrust and regulatory proceedings. IG Hunt passed away on January 10, 2023.



**Richard M. McGrade**  
*Senior Special Agent, DOT OIG*

Senior Special Agent Richard M. McGrade served with distinction for over 21 years in the Department of Transportation (DOT) OIG's New York City Office. Rich began his long law enforcement career as a New York City Police Officer in 1993 before becoming a Deputy U.S. Marshal in 1996. In 1999, he served as a Special Agent with the Coast Guard Investigative Service and then transferred to DOT OIG in 2002. Rich was an aggressive investigator, who was well respected by his peers and prosecutors alike. He secured numerous criminal convictions, trial successes, and civil monetary recoveries. A native of Queens, New York, Rich was a devout Mets fan. Rich passed away on May 10, 2023. He will be remembered for his integrity, sense of humor, and dedication to his friends and family.



**Hubert N. Sparks**  
*Inspector General, Appalachian  
Regional Commission*

Hubert N. Sparks served in the U.S. Army and later began a 50-year distinguished career working for the U.S. Government. He was appointed as the first Inspector General of the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) in 1989, where he worked until 2002. In 1999, he was appointed to concurrently serve as the first Inspector General of the Denali Commission. In addition to his work pioneering independent oversight at the ARC and the Denali Commission, IG Sparks served 29 years in oversight roles with the Offices of Inspector General for the Departments of Agriculture, Homeland Security, and Veterans Affairs. IG Sparks returned to the ARC to again serve as its Inspector General in 2011.

During his long career in the OIG community, IG Sparks served as the first Vice Chairperson of the Executive Council on Integrity and Efficiency, a predecessor to CIGIE. He also worked closely with CIGIE's other predecessor, the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency, serving as the only Designated Federal Entity IG on it for a number of years. He was a member of CIGIE and was active in the Audit and Inspection & Evaluation Committees. IG Sparks also started a working group, which continues to meet today, that served as a forum where small OIGs could come together to discuss their shared challenges. IG Sparks passed away on June 6, 2023.





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# CIGIE Award Nomination Review Panels

*A special “thank you” to all the review panel members.*

## Audit Awards for Excellence Panel

**Terry Gibson**

*Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation OIG*

**Anthony “Tony” Cruz**

*Department of Energy OIG*

**Brett Mansfield**

*Department of Defense OIG*

**Melanie Sorenson**

*Department of the Interior OIG*

## Inspections, Evaluations, Management, IT and Special Act Awards for Excellence Panel

**Sonya Cerne**

*Farm Credit Administration OIG*

**Norbert Vint**

*Office of Personnel Management OIG*

**William “Bill” English**

*General Services Administration OIG*

**John Seger**

*Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation OIG*

## Investigation Awards for Excellence Panel

**Paul Conlon**

*Federal Housing Finance Agency OIG*

**Geoffrey Cherrington**

*Office of the Special IG  
for Pandemic Recovery*

**Megan Wallace**

*National Science Foundation OIG*

**Robert “Bob” Kwalwasser**

*U.S. Postal Service OIG*

## Multiple Categories Awards for Excellence Panel

**William “Bill” Yeager**

*Department of Homeland Security OIG*

**Ross Weiland**

*National Aeronautics and  
Space Administration OIG*

**Sarah Dreyer**

*Election Assistance Commission OIG*

**Sheldon Shoemaker**

*Small Business Administration OIG*

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