



Council of the
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**Awards Ceremony to Recognize Outstanding
Accomplishments of the Inspector General Community**

The Honorable Tom Coburn, M.D., to Deliver Keynote Address

On Thursday, October 20, 2016, the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) will host the Federal inspector general community's 19th Annual Awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of the inspector general workforce. The Honorable Tom Coburn, M.D., former U.S. Senator for Oklahoma, will deliver this year's keynote address.

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

Andrew Mayock, Acting CIGIE Executive Chair and Chair and Senior Advisor for Management at the Office of Management and Budget, will present the prestigious Special Category Awards to recipients selected by CIGIE's Executive Council.

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

CIGIE's Annual Awards notably highlight many team achievements that demonstrate the strong interagency cooperation among the Federal offices of inspector general to combat fraud, waste, and abuse in government programs and operations. Through the dedication of this year's recipients and the nearly 14,000 other inspector general professionals who protect taxpayers' money, the community in fiscal year 2015 identified Government-wide potential savings of about \$36.5 billion. The tireless efforts of these professionals also helped to secure thousands of criminal prosecutions and civil actions against perpetrators.

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

Alexander Hamilton Award

U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Audits, TSA Covert Testing Team

In recognition of the team's exemplary service and commendable achievement on covert testing of Transportation Security Administration's Passenger Screening Technologies and Processes at Airport Security Checkpoints.

Gaston L. Gianni, Jr. Better Government Award

U.S. Department of Agriculture, USDA Rancho Investigation

In recognition of the efforts to prosecute individuals who disregarded food safety standards and misled the public about the company's food safety practices that resulted in the recall of 8.7 million pounds of potentially contaminated beef.

Glenn/Roth Award for Exemplary Service

Department of Defense Office of Inspector General, Department of State Office of Inspector General, and U.S. Agency for International Development Office of Inspector General, Overseas Contingency Operations Team

In recognition of the distinguished achievement of the offices of inspector general of the Department of Defense, Department of State, and U.S. Agency for International Development for oversight of overseas contingency operations through the congressionally mandated Lead Inspector General framework.

Sentner Award for Dedication and Courage

Department of Labor, Michelle Stickler, Special Agent

In recognition of performing a heroic act of bravery that warranted decisive action while in the face of personal danger and prevented what could have resulted in the death of an individual.

June Gibbs Brown Career Achievement Award

National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, Frank S. Chase, Assistant Inspector General for Inspections

In recognition of 38 years of outstanding leadership in inspector general operations throughout the Department of Defense and Intelligence Community. Mr. Chase is without peer in inspection expertise and building organizations that promote the efficiency and integrity of Federal programs.

Award for Individual Accomplishment

Federal Reserve Board and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Khalid Hasan, Senior Office of Inspector General Manager

In recognition of significant and sustained contributions to CIGIE by collaborating with the Office of Management and Budget, Department of Homeland Security, and across the inspector general community to update and improve the 2016 Inspector General Reporting Metrics under the Federal Information Security Modernization Act.

Barry R. Snyder Joint Award

Federal Audit Executive Council, Digital Accountability and Transparency Act Working Group 2016

In recognition of excellence in leading the inspector general community's initial response to the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act.

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

The ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 20, 2016, at the Ronald Reagan Building Amphitheater, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. For additional information about the awards or the ceremony, please contact Mark Jones, CIGIE Executive Director, at (202) 292-2600.

CIGIE is an independent entity established within the executive branch by the Inspector General Act and includes 73 statutorily created Federal inspectors general. Its mission is to address integrity, economy, and effectiveness issues that transcend individual Government agencies and to aid in the establishment of a well-trained and highly skilled workforce in the offices of the inspectors general. For more information about CIGIE and the inspector general community, please visit <https://www.ignet.gov/>.

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