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Awards Recognize Accomplishments of the Inspector General Community

John Miller to Provide Keynote Address

Washington, DC—More than 85 individuals and groups will be recognized on Friday, November 15, 2013, for their outstanding accomplishments at the 16th annual inspector general community awards ceremony. Mr. John Miller, Senior Correspondent, CBS News, will provide the keynote address at the ceremony hosted by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE).

The Honorable Beth Cobert, CIGIE Executive Chairperson, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), will present the inspector general (IG) community's most prestigious awards. Additionally, the Honorable Phyllis K. Fong, CIGIE Chairperson, and Ms. Lynne McFarland, CIGIE Vice Chairperson, will present Awards for Excellence to recognize auditors, investigators, inspectors, attorneys, and other employees in the Federal IG community.

This year's Alexander Hamilton Award will be awarded to the U. S. Department of Justice's Operation Fast and Furious Team in recognition of the team's exemplary efforts in completing a review of two significant firearms trafficking investigations – Operations Wide Receiver and Fast and Furious conducted by the ATF and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona. The award highlights achievements in improving the integrity, efficiency, and effectiveness of Executive Branch agency operations and is the highest award bestowed by the Inspector General community.

The 2013 Sentner Award for Dedication and Courage will honor the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction's Peter Hughes in recognition of courage and uncommon selflessness in detecting contractor fraud that caused widespread security vulnerabilities and enabled roadside bombings in Afghanistan. The award recognizes an individual or a team demonstrating uncommon dedication and courage in the face of adversity and was named for William "Buddy" Sentner, III, a special agent at the Department of Justice OIG who was fatally shot in the line of duty in 2006.

Additional examples of teams that will be honored at Tuesday's awards ceremony include:

- The Gaston L. Gianni, Jr. Better Government Award to the Organic Fertilizer Investigation team from the U.S. Department of Agriculture OIG in recognition of the courage and ingenuity demonstrated during an investigation that helped restore the integrity of USDA's National Organic Program by stopping a fraudulent organic fertilizer scheme.
- The Glenn/Roth Exemplary Service Award to the Exposure to Combating Trafficking in Persons team, U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) OIG, in recognition of exceptional performance assessing DoD efforts to combat trafficking in persons, specifically those which may occur as a consequence of DoD contracts, in response to Congressional concerns.
- The Barry R. Snyder Joint Award to the Council of Inspectors General on Financial Oversight Working Group in recognition of outstanding collaborative efforts to identify the security gaps in non-public information-sharing among members of the Financial Stability Oversight Council.
- The June Gibbs Brown Career Achievement Award to Joel Grover, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Financial Management and IT Audits (Retired), U.S. Department of Treasury, in recognition of Mr. Grover's many years of exemplary service to improve Federal financial management.
- The Award for Individual Accomplishment goes to Abigail Cummings, Chief, Advice Branch, OIG, U.S. Health and Human Services, in recognition of exemplary, sustained, and dedicated service to the mission of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency through vision and leadership in shaping and interpreting mission-critical legal authorities.

In fiscal year 2012, the IG community identified potential savings of over \$46 billion as well as program efficiencies and enhancements. OIGs successfully investigated individuals and entities who threatened government integrity and the public trust. Cumulatively, these efforts resulted in \$35.9 billion in potential savings from audit recommendations; \$10.4 billion in potential savings from investigative recoveries and receivables; over 6,500 indictments and criminal informations; over 5,300 successful prosecutions; over 5,800 suspensions or debarments; and over 630,000 hotline complaints processed.

The Inspector General Act of 1978, as amended, established OIGs within Federal agencies to combat fraud, waste, abuse, and to improve the economy and efficiency of program operations. The IG community has more than 14,000 audit, investigation, inspection, and other professionals.

The CIGIE is composed of Inspectors General and government ethics and law enforcement officials.

The awards ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. on Friday, November 15, 2013, at the Constitution Center Auditorium, Federal Housing Finance Agency, 400 7th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20560.

For more information on the IG community, visit <http://www.ignet.gov>. For additional information on the awards or the ceremony, please contact Mark Jones, CIGIE Executive Director, at (202) 292-2600.