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

Today, the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) hosted the federal Inspector General community's 23rd Annual Awards Ceremony to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of the Inspector General workforce. CIGIE's Annual Awards highlight the outstanding achievements of Inspector General staff from across the federal government, including numerous examples of strong interagency cooperation among federal Offices of Inspector General to combat fraud, waste, and abuse in government programs and operations.

Individuals and teams from among CIGIE's 75 member agencies were presented with nearly 90 Awards for Excellence in the areas of auditing, evaluations, investigations, information technology, law and legislation, and more. These award winners were selected by panels of their peers from across the Inspector General community.

In addition, each year the CIGIE Executive Council recognizes a limited number of individuals and teams with prestigious Special Category Awards. This year's recipients for the Special Category Awards are:

Alexander Hamilton Award

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Inspector General, Oversight of Migrant Children in HHS Custody Team

In recognition of comprehensive and multifaceted oversight that improved safety and well-being of migrant children in custody of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Gaston L. Gianni, Jr. Better Government Award

U.S. Department of Transportation Office of the Inspector General, Air Carrier Safety Oversight Team

In recognition of helping to restore public confidence in FAA's ability to consistently and effectively oversee air carrier maintenance programs.

Glenn/Roth Award for Exemplary Service

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Office of the Inspector General, Failures Implementing Aspects of the VA Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act of 2017 Team

In recognition of the team's meaningful contributions to furthering Congress's goals of protecting whistleblowers and enhancing the accountability of VA officials for misconduct and poor performance.

Sentner Award for Dedication and Courage

U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Inspector General, Emergency Support Function 13, COVID 19 Response Team

In recognition of their contribution to the United States government's effort to combat the COVID 19 pandemic as part of Emergency Support Function 13, and in recognition of their courage and sacrifice in heeding the call to service.

June Gibbs Brown Career Achievement Award

U.S. Department of Defense, Glenn Fine, Former Principal Deputy Inspector General Performing the Duties of the Inspector General

In recognition of more than 20 years of service and leadership in the IG community that produced vital oversight of critical programs, advanced independence of IGs, increased transparency, and helped improve inspector general communities.

Award for Individual Accomplishment

U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General, Kelly McFadden, Director, Financial Statement Audit Office

In recognition of outstanding leadership in simplifying the government wide financial reporting model, by eliminating agency Closing Package Financial Statement Audits and integrating them into General Purpose Financial Statement Audits.

Barry R. Snyder Joint Award

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Inspector General, Insys

In recognition of outstanding work investigating and prosecuting a first of its kind criminal case against an opioid manufacturer and its executives.

The complete list of awards, recipients, and citations is available at:

<https://ignet.gov/sites/default/files/files/2020-CIGIE-Awards-Ceremony-Booklet.pdf>

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