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

**The Honorable James Frederick “Jim” Bridenstine, NASA Administrator,
To Deliver Keynote Address**

On Tuesday, October 15, 2019, the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) will host the federal Inspector General community’s 22nd Annual Awards Ceremony in Washington, D.C. to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of the Inspector General workforce. 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.

Program highlights to include:

- The Honorable James Frederick “Jim” Bridenstine, NASA Administrator, will deliver this year’s keynote address.
- Individuals and teams from among CIGIE’s 74 member agencies will be presented with 7 Special Category Awards and nearly 90 Awards for Excellence in the areas of auditing; evaluations; investigations; information technology; law and legislation; and more.
- The Honorable Margaret Weichert, CIGIE Executive Chair and Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget, will provide remarks and present the prestigious Special Category Awards, whose recipients were 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, whose recipients were determined by panels of their distinguished peers.

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

Alexander Hamilton Award

U.S. Department of Justice, Pre-Election Review Team

In recognition of outstanding achievements in improving the integrity of the Department of Justice through its comprehensive review examining various actions by the Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in advance of the 2016 election.

Gaston L. Gianni, Jr. Better Government Award

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Montana Dr. Stanley Patrick Weber Investigation Team and the United States (U.S.) vs. Levian Pacheco Team

In recognition of HHS OIG's efforts to keep children safe by investigating and prosecuting two perpetrators of child sexual abuse who preyed upon children in HHS-funded programs.

Gaston L. Gianni, Jr. Better Government Award

Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, Operation Outsource

In recognition of the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General, and Homeland Security Investigations for their efforts in combatting impersonation-related fraud schemes.

Glenn/Roth Award for Exemplary Service

U.S. Department of Education, Federal Student Aid Student Loan Servicer Oversight Audit Team

In recognition of exemplary efforts that improved oversight of service providers to better protect taxpayers, students, and led to Congress mandating the immediate execution of recommendations to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of FSA programs.

Sentner Award for Dedication and Courage

U.S. Department of State, The Baghdad, Iraq Protective Movement Security Service Audit Team

In recognition of uncommon selflessness, dedication to duty, courage, and exemplary oversight of a critical contract providing security for U.S. personnel in Iraq and identification of more than \$4.6 million in monetary benefits.

June Gibbs Brown Career Achievement Award

Agency for International Development, Jonathan Schofield

In recognition of a lifetime of unwavering dedication and investigative excellence in the federal oversight and accountability community.

Award for Individual Accomplishment

National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Ross W. Weiland

In recognition of exemplary performance at NASA OIG and remarkable collaboration in forming and serving as the first Chair of the Assistant Inspectors General for Management Committee.

Barry R. Snyder Joint Award

U.S. Department of Justice, 2018 Revisions of the GAO/CIGIE Financial Audit Manual Team

In recognition of outstanding contributions to the federal audit community by collaborating to revise and update the GAO/CIGIE Financial Audit Manual to ensure that it reflects current auditing standards for federal entities.

CIGIE will post a complete list of awards, recipients, and citations at https://www.ignet.gov/sites/default/files/files/2019_CIGIE_Awards_Ceremony.pdf on the day of the ceremony.

The ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 15, at the Ronald Reagan Building Amphitheater, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. For additional information about the awards or the ceremony, please contact Doug Holt, CIGIE Acting Executive Director, at 202-292-2575.

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