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DHS OIG Employees Honored

Office of Inspector General (OIG) auditors and investigators were honored for outstanding achievements at the annual awards ceremony for the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE), held today in Washington, D.C. Each year CIGIE, which is composed of all Federal inspectors general, recognizes the most outstanding achievements in the community.

DHS OIG employees received the following awards at CIGIE's 19th Annual Awards Ceremony:

- **Alexander Hamilton Award:** Awarded to a DHS OIG audit team in recognition of exemplary service and commendable achievement conducting the covert tests reported in "Covert Testing of the Transportation Security Administration's Passenger Screening Technologies and Processes at Airport Security Checkpoints." Team members: Duane Albert, Patricia A. Benson, Douglas Bozeman, Kevin Dolloson, Apostolos Exarchos, Elizabeth Finn, Karen J. Gardner, Shelley Howes, Richard T. Johnson, and Gloria Medina-Ortiz.
- **Award for Excellence – Audits:** Awarded to a DHS OIG audit team in recognition of the team's exemplary service and commendable effort in auditing the Federal Protective Service's management of its fleet of vehicles, reported in "The FPS Vehicle Fleet Is Not Managed Effectively." Team members: Elizabeth Argeris, Thomas Bobrowski, Donald Bumgardner, Cecilia Carroll, Peter Christopher, David DeHaven, Kevin Dolloson, Andrew Herman, Mohammad Islam, Eddie Jones, Lindsey Koch, Jeff Mun, and Paul Wood.
- **Award for Excellence – Audits:** Awarded to a DHS OIG information technology audit team that found that TSA had ineffective controls in place to vet workers for criminal history and lawful status and demonstrated that vulnerability by identifying 73 airport workers with relations to terrorism, as reported in "TSA Can Improve Aviation Worker Vetting." Team members: Charlene Savoy, Tuyet-Quan Thai, Charles Twitty, and Scott Wrightson.

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- Award for Excellence – Audits: Awarded to a DHS OIG information technology audit team that found that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services’ deployment of the Electronic Immigration System has been unsuccessful, as reported in “USCIS Automation of Immigration Benefits Processing Remains Ineffective.” The team determined that it will cost an additional \$1 billion and require an additional four years to automate all immigration benefit types. Team members: Kristen Bernard, Daniel McGrath, Swati Nijhawan, and Shawn Ward.
- Award for Excellence – Investigations: Awarded to a joint team from Department of Justice OIG, IRS, FBI, and DHS OIG that determined that former DEA Special Agent Carl Force and former Secret Service Special Agent Shaun Bridges stole and laundered digital currency (Bitcoin) while working as part of a multiagency task force targeting an online black market drug network that uses Bitcoin for currency. DHS OIG Team member: Special Agent Todd McHale.

“I couldn’t be more proud of our award winners and the recognition that they have received today,” said Inspector General John Roth. “Today’s awards serve as an important reminder that their work and dedication makes DHS better for all of us.”