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DHS OIG Auditors, Investigators Honored

Washington, DC— Office of Inspector General (OIG) audit and investigative teams were cited for outstanding achievements on Oct. 16 at the annual awards ceremony of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE), which is composed all Federal inspectors general.

The “Award for Excellence –Audit” went to OIG’s “Transportation Security Administration Covert Testing of Advanced Imaging Technology” team: Apostolos Exarchos, Auditor-in-Charge; Christine Haynes, Audit Manager; Patrick O’Malley, Director; Ralleisha Dean, Auditor; and Emily Pedersen and Gwendolyn Priestman, Program Analysts. They were recognized for their outstanding efforts in performing the audit and covert testing of the Transportation Security Administration’s Advanced Imaging Technology at our Nation’s airports.

The “Award for Excellence –Investigation” was given to OIG’s “Coast Guard Contract Kickback Investigation” team: Richard Banks, Special Agent; Ralleisha Dean, Auditor; and Karen Jordan, Special Agent. They were recognized for efforts which resulted in the successful prosecution of two U.S. Coast Guard employees and two other individuals involved in a scheme to defraud the government by steering contracts to companies that paid kickbacks.

“I’m very proud of all of our winners and of the positive impact their work has had on the Department of Homeland Security and its programs,” said Acting Inspector General Charles K. Edwards. “The Federal OIG community has more than 14,000 auditors, investigators, inspectors and other professionals at 73 OIGs. It is important that we recognize their dedication in combating fraud, waste, abuse and mismanagement while promoting efficiency and economy in the Federal government.”

According to CIGIE, during in fiscal year 2011 the IG community identified potential savings of over \$93 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 \$84.8 billion in potential savings from audit recommendations; \$9.1 billion in potential savings from investigative recoveries and receivables; more than 6,500 indictments and criminal information; and more than 6,000 successful prosecutions.

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