



## **AGA's 2003 Federal Leadership Award Recipients**

**ANDY BARR AWARD** – To formally recognize the financial executives in the private sector who exemplify and promote excellence in government, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards, and innovative techniques.

**Henry J. (Hank) Steininger, CGFM, CPA, Managing Partner, Grant Thornton Global Public Sector.** Throughout his over 30 years of management experience, he has developed expertise in and promoted excellence in government at all levels (Federal, State, Local and International). Most importantly, Hank has been and is currently a leader, encouraging others to support and engage in AGA activities. During each aspect of his leadership role, Hank has exemplified high ethical standards and commitment to real government financial improvement.

**DISTINGUISHED FEDERAL LEADERSHIP AWARD** – To formally recognize elected or Presidentially-appointed federal officials who exemplify and promote excellence in government management and have demonstrated outstanding leadership in enhancing sound financial management legislation, regulations, practices, policies and systems.

**Gaston L. Gianni, Jr. CGAP, Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Vice Chair of the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency.** In recognition of Mr. Gianni's extraordinary commitment to excellence in government and financial management and demonstrated leadership, initiative, and professionalism during his distinguished 38-year federal career. Mr. Gianni is a true public servant, who has dedicated his professional life to promoting economy, efficiency, effectiveness, and integrity throughout government.

**Fred Thompson, former U.S. Senator from Tennessee.** In recognition of Senator Thompson's exceptional work to champion federal accountability and his focused attention on the need for ensuring that American taxpayers have a responsible, efficient and accountable federal government.

**ELMER STAATS AWARD** – To formally recognize federal professionals who exemplify and promote excellence in government, outstanding leadership, high ethical standards, and innovative management procedures.

**Thomas G. Staples, Acting Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Finance, Assessment and Management, Social Security Administration.**

In recognition of his steadfast commitment to improving federal financial management and providing citizen centered services to the American public. His leadership, innovation and professionalism have enabled the Social Security Administration to deliver world-class service to Social Security beneficiaries worldwide. He has played an important role in helping the government demonstrate its stewardship responsibilities to the Congress and the American public. Mr. Staples retired from federal service in December 2002.

**Dennis J. Duquette, CGFM, CPA, CDP, Deputy Inspector General, Office of Audit Services, Office of Inspector General, U.S.**

**Department of Health and Human Services.** For his cumulative achievements throughout his career of federal service, serving as a role model for others and consistently exhibiting the highest personal and professional standards. For his significant contributions to government programs and operations throughout his 28 years of federal service through (1) contributions to enactment of legislation and law enforcement tools, (2) coalitions and partnerships with other federal and state agencies, (3) improvements in HHS OIG systems and operations, and (4) improved federal government-wide financial management. One of the highlights of his career is his leadership of the HHS OIG team that provided Congressional staff with technical support leading to passage of the Health Care Fraud and Abuse Control section of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act and his tireless promoting of legislative changes in response to OIG findings and recommendations that resulted in higher quality health care for the nation's elderly, and in a greater return on the taxpayers' investment.