

The following Federal Leadership Awards were presented Feb. 21 as part of AGA's First National Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

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. Steininger, CGFM, CPA, Washington, D.C. Chapter, Managing Partner, Global Public Sector, Grant Thornton. In recognition of Mr. Steininger's expertise in and promotion of excellence in government at all levels—international, federal, state and local. Most important, throughout his more than 30 years of management experience, Mr. Steininger has been a leader, encouraging others to support and engage in AGA activities. During each stage of his career, he 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, Northern Virginia Chapter, Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Vice Chair, 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, Baltimore Chapter, Acting Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Finance, Assessment and Management, Social Security Administration. In recognition of Mr. Staples' 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 world wide. Mr. Staples, who retired in December, has played an important role in helping the government demonstrate its stewardship responsibilities to the Congress and the American public.

Dennis J. Duquette, CGFM, CPA, CDP, Northern Virginia Chapter, Deputy Inspector General, Office of Audit Services, Office of Inspector General, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In recognition of Mr. Duquette's 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 contributions to enactment of legislation and law enforcement tools; coalitions and partnerships with other federal and state agencies; improvements in HHS OIG systems and operations; and improved federal governmentwide financial management.