



MEDIA ADVISORY for Wednesday, May 23

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GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY AWARD CELEBRATES TENTH ANNIVERSARY

Unprecedented Eleven Federal Agencies to Receive National Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting

WHAT: The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) will host a black-tie dinner and awards ceremony in honor of eleven Federal Agencies that have been awarded the 2007 Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting (CEAR) – the highest number awarded since the program began.

Since 1997, the program has shown steady progress towards achieving its aim of improving financial and program accountability by streamlining and improving the effectiveness of government reports.

The Fiscal Year 2006 recipients include: U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission; U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; U.S. Department of the Interior; U.S. Department of Labor; U.S. General Services Administration; U.S. Government Accountability Office; U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission; U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; U.S. Small Business Administration; and U.S. Social Security Administration.

Through the program, AGA advises agencies on how to prepare integrated and user-friendly Performance and Accountability Reports that clearly show what an agency accomplished with taxpayer dollars and the challenges that remain.

The program was established in conjunction with the federal Chief Financial Officers Council and the U.S. Office of Management and Budget.

WHO: **Clay Johnson III**, Deputy Director for Management, U.S. Office of Management and Budget
David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States
Linda Combs, Controller, U.S. Office of Management and Budget
Relmond P. Van Daniker, Executive Director, AGA

WHEN: 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, 2007 (*Media availability to follow*)

WHERE: National Press Club
529 14th St., 13th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20045

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