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The Thomas Jefferson Building

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Program Agenda

Opening Remarks

Charles W. Culkin Jr., CGFM, *Executive Director*
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Remarks

John Hummel, CGFM, *Chair, CEAR Board*
Partner and National Industry Director, Federal Services, KPMG LLP

Awards Presentation

National Science Foundation

- Dr. Rita Colwell, *Director*
- Thomas Cooley, *Chief Financial Officer and Director, Office of Budget, Finance and Award Management*
- Donald McCrory, *Deputy Chief Financial Officer and Director, Division of Financial Management*

Social Security Administration

- Jo Anne Barnhart, *Commissioner of Social Security*
- Peter D. Spencer, *Acting Deputy Commissioner for Finance, Assessment and Management*
- Thomas G. Staples, *Associate Commissioner, Office of Financial Policy and Operations*

U.S. Department of Commerce

- Donald L. Evans, *Secretary of Commerce*
- Otto J. Wolff, *Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration*
- James L. Taylor, *Deputy Chief Financial Officer and Director for Financial Management*

U.S. Department of the Interior

- Gale A. Norton, *Secretary of Interior*
- P. Lynn Scarlett, *Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget and Chief Financial Officer*
- Robert J. Lamb, CGFM, *Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget and Finance*
- R. Schuyler Leshner, CGFM, *Director, Office of Financial Management and Deputy Chief Financial Officer*

U.S. Department of Labor

- Elaine L. Chao, *Secretary of Labor*
- Brenda M. Kyle, *Acting Chief Financial Officer*
- Patrick Pizella, *Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management*

Closing

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