

CEAR PROGRAM AWARDS CEREMONY

Certificates of Excellence Presented by AGA to Eight Federal Agencies

More than 125 AGA members, government officials and colleagues attended a standing-room only awards ceremony on Sept. 17, 2002 at the Library of Congress to acknowledge the outstanding



The Department of Energy Team



The Department of the Interior Team



The Department of Labor Team



The Department of State Team

excellence in accountability reporting and improve transparency.

The ceremony's special guests included Comptroller General of the United States David M. Walker, CPA; Social Security Commissioner Jo Anne B. Barnhart and Deputy Commissioner James Lockhart; National Science Foundation Deputy Director Joseph Bordogna; and the Department of the Interior's Chief of Staff Brian Waidmann, among many others. The officials receiving the awards on behalf of their agencies expressed appreciation for the opportunity to participate in the program and renewed their dedication to reporting excellence. They also highlighted the critical role

their Offices of Inspector General played in contributing to the high-quality reports. Everyone agreed that production of these reports takes a considerable amount of teamwork and that each contribution is invaluable.

The awards ceremony is also a special opportunity to applaud the hard work of the teams of individuals who invest endless hours contributing to the report's production. AGA Executive Director Charles W. Culkin Jr., CGFM, underscored the important role that each team member played, "The culmination of the efforts of the dedicated federal financial and program managers in this room and your colleagues throughout this city and the country has resulted in the exceptional work we have honored today."

CEAR Board Chair John Hummel, CGFM, expressed appreciation to all the agencies that participated in the program, and summarized why eight reports had merited the prestigious Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting. "These reports measured performance against your mission, goals and objectives cited in your annual performance plans and your strategic plans," he commented. "They stated the costs of that performance, and discussed all significant trends, positive and negative, with a focus on the future. These reports were highly readable and informative and they reflect the hard work you invested in them."

Fiscal year 2002 Performance and Accountability Reports are due to AGA by March 1, 2003. For details, visit the AGA website at www.agacgfm.org/cear for complete program information or call Lisa Thatcher, director of the CEAR Program, at 800.AGA.7211, ext. 212, or via e-mail at lthatcher@agacgfm.org. ■ by Lisa Thatcher



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