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Two Federal Agencies Honored with First-Ever Accountability Awards

Alexandria, VA – The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the Social Security Administration (SSA) were honored with the first-ever “Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting.” A distinguished panel of government financial managers chose to honor these two federal agencies for their exceptional Accountability Reports.

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) established this award program in conjunction with the federal Chief Financial Officer’s (CFO) Council. Its goal is to recognize federal agencies that have achieved excellence in the preparation, issuance and timeliness of Accountability Reports. This distinction is a significant accomplishment and honor for a federal agency and its management.

In 1997, the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the CFO Council called for a certificate program to encourage and recognize excellence in Accountability Reports. AGA was asked to step forward and answer that call.

“This award for excellence should alert the tax-paying public, Congress, public interest groups and other financial management professionals that federal agencies are strenuously working to make the government more accountable,” stated AGA Executive Director, Charles W. Culkin, Jr., CGFM. “Not only are they working hard, but they are also achieving these sought after goals,” he said.

AGA honored the two agencies at an awards ceremony held at the Library of Congress.

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