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**AGA Announces Annual Awards Recipients**

*Recipients Honored for Roles in Advancing the Field of Government Financial Management*

(Alexandria, Va.) AGA is proud to announce the recipients of its 2021 annual awards.

Seventeen individuals and one agency were honored for their significant contributions to the financial management profession during AGA's 2021 Professional Development Training event, taking place July 19–21. "Our most well attended training event gives us the opportunity to recognize the best in our profession. These award recipients help to set the standards high and their leadership and accomplishments, during the COVID-19 pandemic, give us all inspiration to achieve more and demonstrate the value and honor of public service to our nation," said AGA's CEO, Ann Ebberts. "AGA is honored to recognize these outstanding professionals for their dedication, achievements and overall positive impact on our financial community!"

**Einhorn-Gary Award**

*Michelle L. Yanok, CGFM  
Supervisory Accountant, Bureau of the Fiscal Service*

**Frank Greathouse Distinguished Leadership Award**

*H. Tina Kim, CPA, CFF, CITP, CGMA, CIA, CGAP, CRMA, CISA, CFE  
Deputy Comptroller, Division of State Government Accountability,  
Office of the New York State Comptroller*

**Robert W. King Memorial Award**

*John H. Lynskey, CGFM, CPA  
Controller and Deputy Division Director, National Science Foundation (NSF)*

**International Achievement Award**

*Reginald W. Mitchell  
CFO, U.S. Agency for International Development*

**National President's Award**

*Gwendolyn Sykes, MPA, CGFM  
CFO, U.S. Secret Service*

*Tracey Walker, CCD-AP  
National Leader Government Affairs; Culture Diversity and Inclusion,  
RSM US LLP*

*Elena Tercero, CGFM, CPA, CGMA  
Audit Manager, New Mexico Office of the State Auditor*

*John Cherbini, CGFM, CPA  
Managing Director, Grant Thornton*

*Craig Murray, CGFM  
Director of Professional Practice, Michigan Office of the Auditor General*

*Jerome E. Bruce, MBA, DES, CAE, CMM, CMP, CEM  
Director of Meetings and Expositions, AGA*

**National Treasurer's Award**

*Kathy Stickel, CGFM, CPA  
Director, Tennessee Division of State Audit*

**Author Award**

*Sophia Carlton, CFE  
Manager, Grant Thornton*

*Taylor N. Larimore  
Senior Manager, Grant Thornton*

**Educator Award**

*Dr. Jesse W. Hughes, CGFM-Retired, CPA, CIA  
Professor Emeritus of Accounting, Old Dominion University*

**Emerging Leader Award of Excellence**

*Nicole Waldeck  
Senior Policy Analyst, U.S. Office of Management and Budget*

**Cornelius E. Tierney/EY Research Award**

*Anthony McCann  
Lecturer, School of Public Policy, University of Maryland*

**Achievement of the Year Award**

*Irving L. Dennis  
CEO, 4DConsulting LLC  
Former CFO, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development*

**Relmond P. Van Daniker Government Transparency Award**

*Pandemic Response Accountability Committee (PRAC)*

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