

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# AGA Awards Federal Government Agencies for Excellence in Fiscal Accountability Reporting

*Awards demonstrate evidence of continued improvement in government accountability and performance.*

Alexandria, Va. — The AGA (formerly the Association of Government Accountants) honored outstanding achievements of 25 government agencies and departments at its annual Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting (CEAR<sup>®</sup>) awards ceremony on May 31<sup>st</sup> at the JW Marriott in Washington, D.C. The agencies demonstrated exceptional commitment in the past year to producing high-quality Performance and Accountability Reports (PARs) or Agency Financial Reports (AFRs) that showcased evidence of continued improvement in government accountability and performance.

**John Hummel, CGFM, was honored with the Hal Steinberg Excellence in Performance Reporting Award, given to a clear and consistent champion of furthering federal agency performance and accountability reporting. Hummel has been involved in the awards program since its inception.**

The CEAR review process, carried out by experienced teams from the government financial management community, begins with a thorough examination of all submitted AFRs and PARs, followed by comprehensive recommendations from AGA to government agency leaders, offering suggestions for improvements in their reports and ways to meet future challenges.

"AGA's CEAR program has played a pivotal role in driving steady improvements in federal agency reporting since its inception," said Ann M. Ebberts, AGA Chief Executive Officer. "Apart from offering detailed recommendations for report enhancement, the CEAR program also gives the financial management community an opportunity to recognize agencies that have gone above and beyond in their reporting efforts. We take pride in highlighting and rewarding the accomplishments of government agencies that prioritize transparency and accountability reporting, ultimately helping taxpayers understand how their government utilizes time and resources."

Established in collaboration with the Chief Financial Officers Council and the Office of Management and Budget in 1997, the CEAR Program aims to enhance accountability by streamlining reporting processes and showcasing agency achievements.

### **The following U.S. agencies and departments received a CEAR Award for their FY 2022 reports:**

- U.S. Agency for International Development
- Architect of the Capitol
- U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- U.S. Department of Commerce
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- U.S. Department of the Interior
- U.S. Department of State
- U.S. Department of the Treasury
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- Federal Aviation Administration
- Federal Housing Finance Agency
- Federal Trade Commission

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- U.S. General Services Administration
- U.S. Government Accountability Office
- Internal Revenue Service
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- National Credit Union Administration
- U.S. Office of Personnel Management
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
- Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board
- U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
- U.S. Social Security Administration

**The following 14 federal agencies received “Best in Class” awards for demonstrating specific points of excellence in their fiscal year 2022 reports:**

U.S. Department of Interior Federal Trade Commission Peace Corps	<b>Inspiring Photographs with Captions</b>
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Architect of the Capitol	<b>Understandable Financial Statement Footnotes</b>
U.S. Department of the Treasury	<b>Agency Head’s Message</b>
National Aeronautics and Space Administration	<b>Outreach, Inclusion, and Access Features</b>
U.S. Government Accountability Office	<b>Insightful, Forward-looking Information Linked to ERM Risks</b>
Internal Revenue Service	<b>Inspector General’s Summary of the Most Serious Management and Performance Challenges and Management’s Response</b>
National Credit Union Administration	<b>Excellence in Presentation of Performance in an Agency Financial Report</b>
Federal Aviation Administration	<b>Excellence in Presentation of Performance Results in a Performance and Accountability Report</b>
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs	<b>Most Improved Presentation of Performance in an MD&amp;A</b>
U.S. Department of State	<b>Integrated Financial and Performance Reporting</b>
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	<b>Clear, Concise Performance Highlights Conveying Performance Information in a Creative and Inspiring Way</b>
	<b>Using Data Analytics for Program and Performance Evaluation</b>
	<b>Payment Integrity Report Presentation</b>

The Department of Treasury was singularly recognized for its extraordinary efforts this year by being awarded the coveted CEAR award “with Value Added Distinction”.

To view photos and learn more about the CEAR awards program on AGA’s [website](#).

### **About AGA**

AGA is the association that connects and empowers professionals who support government, from financial management to IT, human resources, cybersecurity and more, to advance good government initiatives, grow their expertise and accelerate their careers. AGA leads and encourages change that benefits our field and all citizens. Our networking events, professional certification, publications, and ongoing education help members build their skills and advance their careers. For more information, visit [www.agacgfm.org](http://www.agacgfm.org).

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