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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 Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is proud to recognize the accomplishments of 22 government agencies and departments in producing high quality Performance and Accountability Reports (PARs) or Agency Financial Reports (AFRs) during its annual Certificate of Excellence in Accountability Reporting (CEAR) awards ceremony.

The CEAR Program was established in collaboration with the Chief Financial Officers Council and the U.S. Office of Management and Budget to improve accountability by streamlining reporting and demonstrating what the agency accomplished with tax payer dollars and the challenges that remain.

“For over 20 years, AGA’s CEAR Program has recognized achievements by U.S. government agencies and their hard-working staffs and has had a hand in shaping the government fiscal reporting process,” said Ann M. Ebberts, AGA Chief Executive Officer. “The detailed recommendations included in the CEAR Program continues to be a major factor in the steady improvement of these reports, saving our nation’s tax payers time and money.”

The following U.S. agencies and departments received the 2018 (FY 2017) CEAR award:

- Architect of the Capitol
- Federal Aviation Administration
- Federal Housing Finance Agency
- Federal Trade Commission
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- Peace Corps
- U.S. Agency for International Development
- U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission
- U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
- U.S. Department of Commerce
- U.S. Department of Education
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- U.S. Department of State
- U.S. Department of the Interior
- U.S. Department of the Treasury
- U.S. General Services Administration
- U.S. Government Accountability Office
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
- U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
- U.S. Small Business Administration
- U.S. Social Security Administration

The following 13 federal agencies received “Best in Class” awards for demonstrating specific points of excellence with their fiscal year 2017 reports:

- **Best Executive Summary:** *Architect of the Capitol*
- **Best Agency Head Message:** *U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission*
- **Best Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:** *U.S. Department of Homeland Security*
- **Most Innovative Presentation of a Matter of Wide Public Interest:** *Federal Aviation Administration*
- **Best Address of Matters of Importance to All Americans:** *Federal Trade Commission*
- **Best Process for Assuring Data Quality:** *U.S. Government Accountability Office*
- **Most Inspiring Photos and Captions:** *National Aeronautics and Space Administration*
- **Most Exceptional Performance Reporting in a Performance and Accountability Report:** *U.S. Patent and Trademark Office*
- **Best Overall Quality:** *U.S. Small Business Administration*
- **Best Overview of Social Insurance Data and Status:** *U.S. Social Security Administration*
- **Best Fraud Reduction Report:** *U.S. Department of the Treasury*
- **Best Use of the Internet to Facilitate Obtaining Additional Information:** *U.S. Agency for International Development*
- **An Outstanding Example of Contacts for Obtaining Additional Information About Programs:** *U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs*

The CEAR awards were presented to recipients during the annual CEAR Program Awards Ceremony, on Tuesday, May 22 at the JW Marriott Hotel in Washington, D.C. Learn more about the CEAR awards and the CEAR Program on AGA’s website: <https://www.agacgfm.org/Standards-Guidance/CEAR.aspx>

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