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OMB Rewards Performance, Teamwork and Integrity
98 Career Employees Win Awards

Washington, D.C. -- The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) last week honored 98 employees for outstanding individual performance, teamwork and integrity. The awards, an annual tradition at OMB since 1970, include cash bonuses and are part of OMB's mission to encourage performance results within the federal government. A list of employees who received awards follows this release.

"I wish every taxpayer could meet the employees we are honoring today. They have led their OMB colleagues in striving each day to make the federal government smarter and more efficient. They personify public service at its best," said OMB Director Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.

OMB employs more than 500 people who assist the President in overseeing the preparation of the federal budget and in supervising its administration in Executive Branch agencies. In addition, OMB oversees and coordinates the Administration's procurement, financial management information and regulatory policies. In each of these areas, OMB's role helps to improve administrative management, develop better performance measures and coordinating mechanisms, and reduce any unnecessary burden on the public.

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Achievement Award

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Kim I. Johnson

For exceptional performance in managing the Information Policy and Technology Branch.

Achievement Award

Vernetta Tanner

For twenty-eight years of outstanding service to OMB, and especially for exceeding expectations in the Transportation, Commerce, Justice and Services Division.

Achievement Award

Doris J. Wingard

For outstanding technical and administrative support to the Administrator, Office of Federal Procurement Policy.

Professional Achievement Award

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Michele Ahern

For keen insight, creativity and persistence in developing the Administration's Food Stamp reauthorization proposal.

Professional Achievement Award

Victoria Leigh Allred

For bringing to the analytical and technical work of the Budget Review Branch – especially to the coordination of the Emergency Response Fund – generalist skills, intellectual curiosity, and a commitment to excellence in the finished product.

Professional Achievement Award

Patrick Aylward

For outstanding performance in advancing the Administration's bioterrorism preparedness and homeland security objectives.

Professional Achievement Award

Ellen J. Balis

For sustained outstanding support in tracking budget policy development, Congressional action, and the effects of technical factors on budget aggregates.

Professional Achievement Award

Meredith Benson

For superior performance in the design, development, and implementation of the President's Human Capital Initiative.

Professional Achievement Award

Philip Calbos

For sustained work in reviewing, for the first time, the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration FY 2003 budget request and, in particular, its nuclear stockpile stewardship and non-proliferation programs.

Professional Achievement Award

Kevin Carroll

For outstanding creativity and determination in implementing the Presidential initiative to apply investment criteria to, and improve the performance of, Federal research and development programs.

Professional Achievement Award

Winifred Chang

For leadership in implementing assessment and management change in the President's Management Scorecard areas for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Professional Achievement Award

Norris Cochran

For superior performance in advancing the President's health initiatives.

Professional Achievement Award

Janis A. Coughlin

For sustained exemplary performance in the examination of the Small Business Administration's policies and programs.

Professional Achievement Award

Catherine DuRant

For superior performance in budget and management analysis of international broadcasting and public diplomacy.

Professional Achievement Award

Noah Engelberg

For superior analysis and tireless efforts to develop a rational policy for funding invasive pest and disease programs and to evaluate the proposal for a new border security agency.

Professional Achievement Award

Michael C. Falkenheim

For improving estimates of the cost of credit programs, and reducing financing risks to taxpayers.

Professional Achievement

Marc Garufi

For exceptional leadership in the development of the FY 2003 Budget and the President's Management Agenda for the Department of Health and Human Services

Professional Achievement

Kimberly Ann Geier

For exceptional contributions to improving the quality and timeliness of Federal financial

management reporting.

Professional Achievement

Michael D. Gerich

For outstanding contributions to the Office of Management and Budget's initiative to increase opportunities for small business to compete in the Federal procurement environment.

Professional Achievement

Brian Gillis

For continued outstanding service during the past year in analyzing options for OMB's budget and financial management matters.

Professional Achievement

Michael Hickey

For sustained outstanding performance on the Endangered Species Act, and for consistently outstanding budget and program analysis of the programs of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Professional Achievement

Carole Kitt

For quantitative, analytically sound, and innovative contributions to advance the Administration's policy development for reforming the Unemployment Insurance and Employment Service system in the FY 2003 Budget.

Professional Achievement

Jennifer Kron

For outstanding policy analysis addressing erroneous payments and financial shortfalls in the Pell Grant program.

Professional Achievement

James A. Laity

For an outstanding job of reviewing a number of key rules from EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Professional Achievement

Daniel LaPlaca

For an outstanding job in meeting numerous demands for high quality, timely information related to U.S. Postal Service issues.

Professional Achievement

Lauren Larson

For analyses and policy advice that have helped call official and public attention to the risks posed by Federal support for housing credit, and for contribution of ideas to strengthen public oversight of these risks.

Professional Achievement

Margaret Malanoski

For continued leadership in OIRA and in improving regulatory and paperwork policies.

Professional Achievement

Erin P. McCartney

For superior performance and extraordinary effort, as well as leadership and analysis in support of OMB's work on Federal funding for recovery from the September 11th terrorist attacks in New York and elsewhere.

Professional Achievement

Christine McDonald

For outstanding work analyzing complex issues related to EPA's dioxin risk assessment and the Persistent Organic Pollutants treaty, and for superb performance serving as branch budget officer.

Professional Achievement

James D. Mietus

For outstanding performance on efforts to reform the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), including developing proposals for asset divestiture, debt reduction, contract reform, and other reforms needed to help ensure that TVA's management and operations are consistent with the Administration's energy program and other policies.

Professional Achievement

Kimberly Miller

For excellent performance in assisting EPA to develop a cost effective water quality credit trading policy proposal, improving EPA's grants competition policy, and for outstanding work on Clean Water infrastructure and regulatory issues.

Professional Achievement

Barry Napear

For sustained outstanding contributions to the effectiveness of the MAX system in supporting a broad scope of OMB's budget formulation and execution activities.

Professional Achievement

Douglas A. Pitkin

For outstanding performance on the development of the 9/11 victims compensation program, and for analysis of State and local law enforcement assistance programs.

Professional Achievement

Annette E. Rooney

For outstanding service in the performance of OMB's coordination and clearance responsibilities for international affairs legislation.

Professional Achievement

Robert L. Sandoli

For outstanding creativity and determination in implementing the Presidential initiative to apply investment criteria to, and improve the performance of, Federal research and development programs.

Professional Achievement

Narahari Sastry

For leadership in the development of an interactive model to quantify the effect of different enrollment and benefit scenarios considered for VA medical care.

Professional Achievement

Rudolph J. Schuhbauer

For outstanding contributions to the Cost Accounting Standards Board's technical program, unflinching inquisitiveness, and leadership on all matters relating to contract cost, pricing and accounting.

Professional Achievement

Karen M. Shaffer

For exceptional contributions to facilitating improvements in Federal financial management.

Professional Achievement

Silvana Solano

For sustained outstanding achievement in managing budget *Appendix* preparation teams, tracking appropriations bills, and developing budget amendments and requests for supplemental appropriations.

Professional Achievement

Anne R. Stauffer

For consistently outstanding work on telecommunications issues, including analysis and development of spectrum legislation and policies.

Professional Achievement

Teresa A. Tancre

For outstanding contributions to the integration of Federal budgeting and accounting, and to the unsung work of her branch in the production of the Budget.

Professional Achievement

Kathryn C. Thompson

For sustained superior performance of legislative clearance responsibilities concerning veterans' and personnel legislation.

Professional Achievement

Courtney Timberlake

For outstanding leadership in assuring that OMB's roles and responsibilities in Federal Credit Program Oversight are fully met.

Professional Achievement

David Trinkle

For outstanding creativity and determination in implementing the Presidential initiative to apply investment criteria to, and improve the performance of, Federal research and development programs.

Professional Achievement

Kamela White

For exceptional performance in developing policy and guidance on Government computer security, and for improving agency productivity through oversight of well-managed security programs.

Professional Achievement

Suzanne White

For outstanding work in reviewing classified programs and providing superior analysis to policy officials regarding critical national security issues.

Professional Achievement

Gail S. Zimmerman

For leadership and professional excellence in the provision of budget guidance to the Federal Government.

Professional Achievement - Group

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Lara E. Robillard

Andrew J. Scott

For the development of creative approaches to prescription drug coverage for millions of low-income seniors and the disabled.

Professional Achievement - Group

Amy Bassano

Jennifer Friedman

Elizabeth K. Ward

For outstanding teamwork and extraordinary analytical efforts in the development of policies underlying the President's Framework to Strengthen Medicare.

Professional Achievement - Group

Clare C. Doherty

Timothy A. Rosado

Stephen Suh

For outstanding accomplishments in support of Administration initiatives to improve aviation security.

Professional Achievement - Group

Brenda Aguilar

Nathan L. Knuffman

Karen F. Lee

Stuart Shapiro

Lauren Wittenberg

For producing an original and high quality analysis of the benefits and costs of Executive Order 13166, "Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency," under severe time pressure and public controversy.

Professional Achievement - Group

Renee Austin

Rebecca Davis

Rhodia Ewell

Christine Holmes

Lawrence Hush

Daniel Murphy

Latonda Raft

Sahar Taman
Philip Wenger

For outstanding teamwork and initiative in enabling the production of the FY 2003 “New Look” Color Budget.

Cross-Cutting Group Award

Andrew Abrams
Patrick Aylward
Debra Bond
Michael Cassidy
J. Michael Daniel
Ronald Jones
Erin McCartney
Siobhan Murphy
Doug Pitkin
Shannon Richter
Glenn Schlarman
Kamela White

For exemplary service in coordinating OMB's support to the Office of Homeland Security.

Erin Hassing
Laurence Jacobson
Daniel LaPlaca
Lourdes Lamela
Kathryn Thompson
Lauren Uher

For outstanding teamwork to fully fund the accruing cost of retiree benefits.

Michael Falkenheim
Sangkyun Park
Lorenzo Rasetti
Courtney Timberlake

For outstanding analysis of alternative approaches to estimate the costs of Federal student loan programs and for developing broad consensus on an improved approach that can produce more accurate and intuitive results to inform Federal policy.

Diversity Award

Yvette Dennis

For leadership of the Diversity Council and outstanding contributions to OMB's recruitment program.

Administrative Achievement Award

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Dianne M. Wells

For sustained outstanding performance in managing the administrative operations of the Legislative Reference Division

Distinguished Service Award

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Arthur W. Stigile

For contributions to consistent application of budget concepts and Budget Enforcement Act scoring rules to a myriad of thoughtful and not-so thoughtful budget proposals.

Distinguished Service Award

Ronald L. Silberman

For sustained outstanding performance in the application of rigorous economic analysis of and sound policy advice on international assistance and trade finance programs, and the continuous pursuit of improved effectiveness of these programs.

Exceptional Service Award

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Andrew Abrams

For sustained superior performance and extraordinary effort as well as leadership, insight and critical analysis in support of the Administration's responses to the September 11th terrorist attacks, and for outstanding assistance to the Office of Homeland Security.

Robert G. Damus Award

Stephen A. Weigler