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WASHINGTON – Department of State Inspector General Howard J. Krongard accepted an Award for Excellence – Multiple Disciplines today at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual President’s Council on Integrity and Efficiency (PCIE) and Executive Council on Integrity and Efficiency (ECIE) Awards Ceremony. The award honored OIG employees Morris N. Hughes, John M. Jones, Lawrence B. Lesser, and Anthony Carbone, along with their Department of Defense (DOD) Office of Inspector General counterparts, for their exceptional performance during the DOD/DOS IG Interagency Assessment of Afghanistan Police Training and Readiness.

This assessment “exemplifies the interagency, collaborative teamwork of the two Departments. The fight against terrorism is a long-term commitment, and the DOD and DOS oversight bodies play an important role in promoting the efficient and effective use of resources devoted to this effort,” said Mr. Krongard.

The interagency team focused on the U.S. government effort to train and develop the Afghan National Police (ANP). The team found that despite great strides in delivering training, it will take time to develop an effective, efficient, and self-sustaining police force. The final report contained 10 key judgments, 12 formal recommendations, and 4 informal recommendations. These recommendations covered a broad spectrum of issues—policies, leadership, planning, requirements, accountability, sustainment, capacity, equipping, mentoring, and interagency coordination. As ANP program managers implement the recommendations, the overall impact of the team’s comprehensive review, insight, and foresight should result in significant process improvements.

The Annual PCIE and ECIE Awards recognize members of the Inspector General community for their outstanding accomplishments. The Awards for Excellence, including the Award for Excellence – Multiple Disciplines, are given to individuals or groups with achievements that are so distinguished as to be at the forefront of the community.

The “Interagency Assessment of Afghanistan Police Training and Readiness” report can be found on the OIG website at <http://oig.state.gov/>, under Popular Items of Interest.

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