

Career Achievement Medal Finalists

This medal recognizes a federal employee for significant accomplishments throughout a lifetime of achievement in public service.

Kathleen B. Hogan

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency

Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Washington, D.C.

Developed and expanded a series of pivotal national energy efficiency initiatives that have greatly reduced greenhouse gas emissions and saved American consumers and businesses billions of dollars

Hongwei Hsiao

Chief, Protective Technology Branch, Division of Safety Research

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

Morgantown, West Virginia

Improved the safety of construction workers, truck drivers, firefighters, police and others in high-risk professions by researching and designing a new generation of personal protective equipment and industrial apparatus

James D. McFadden

Chief, Programs and Projects, Aircraft Operations Center

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

MacDill Air Force Base, Florida

For nearly 50 years, has been the bedrock of the nation's hurricane hunter program, flying airplanes into hundreds of violent tropical storms to gather information for more accurate weather forecasts

Thomas Gordon Morris

Director, Office of Liquidation

Small Business Administration

Washington, D.C.

Overhauled an SBA program that now generates \$6 billion in private investments annually building businesses, creating jobs and stimulating the economy at no cost to the federal government

Dr. Allen Wilcox

Senior Investigator, Epidemiology Branch

National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences

Durham, North Carolina

Pioneered the epidemiologic study of human reproduction, fundamentally changing both scientific and public understanding of fertility and pregnancy

Call to Service Medal Finalists

This medal recognizes a federal employee who is 35 or younger and whose professional achievements reflect the important contributions that a new generation brings to public service.

Jenn Gustetic

Assistant Director for Open Innovation

White House Office of Science and Technology Policy

Washington, D.C.

Tapped into citizen knowledge and expertise to solve pressing national problems by promoting the use of crowdsourcing, challenges and prizes across government

Tate A. Jarrow

Special Agent

U.S. Secret Service

Brooklyn, New York

Played a critical role in two huge cybercrime investigations, helping bring to justice individuals involved in computer hacking, stock manipulation, credit card fraud, money laundering and other illicit activities

Lilia McFarland

New and Beginning Farmer and Rancher Program Coordinator

Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency

Washington, D.C.

Led an interagency initiative to help build the next generation of farmers and ranchers, creating a strategy for easing access to critical federal resources and improving customer service

Catherine Michelle Pappas

Senior Intelligence Analyst

Department of the Air Force, 450th Intelligence Squadron

Ramstein Air Base, Germany

Provided rapid analysis and advice to military commanders and policymakers regarding adversarial activity in Eastern Europe and the Middle East during a period of heightened geopolitical tensions

Jessica Hall Zomer

Attorney-Advisor

Environmental Protection Agency, Office of General Counsel

Washington, D.C.

Helped craft and served as chief legal advisor on a major power plant regulation that will eliminate one-third of toxic heavy metals now dumped into the nation's rivers, lakes and streams by regulated industries

Citizen Services Medal Finalists

This medal recognizes a federal employee for a significant contribution to the nation in activities related to citizen services (including economic development, education, health care, housing, labor and transportation).

Lisa M. Jones

Program Manager, CDFI Bond Guarantee Program

Department of the Treasury, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund
Washington, D.C.

Helped low-income communities gain access to investment capital to fund health-care centers, charter schools, day-care centers, housing, small business development and commercial real estate projects

Dr. Paul McGann, Jean D. Moody-Williams and Dennis Wagner

Chief Medical Officer for Quality Improvement (McGann); Deputy Director, Center for Clinical Standards and Quality (Moody-Williams); Director, Quality Improvement and Innovation Group (Wagner)

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Baltimore, Maryland

Reduced preventable patient harm in U.S. hospitals, which resulted in an estimated 2.1 million fewer medical errors and saved nearly 87,000 lives and \$20 billion

Mariela Melero and the Customer Service and Public Engagement Directorate

Associate Director, Customer Service and Public Engagement Directorate

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Washington, D.C.

Made immigration resources more accessible and user-friendly, including a cutting-edge online tool that can answer 90 percent of questions posed by those seeking U.S. citizenship or residency

Joseph J. Mueller

Senior Geotechnical Engineer

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Washington, D.C.

Prevented the collapse of a major dam that threatened the lives and property of thousands of residents and business owners downstream, and could have disrupted New York City's water supply

Dr. Thomas O'Toole

Director, National Center on Homelessness among Veterans

Veterans Health Administration

Providence, Rhode Island

Created two nationwide programs to help high-risk, high-need homeless veterans receive the comprehensive medical care, housing assistance and social services they need to get off the street and reclaim their lives

Homeland Security and Law Enforcement Medal Finalists

This medal recognizes a federal employee for a significant contribution to the nation in activities related to homeland security and law enforcement (including border and transportation security, civil rights, counterterrorism, emergency response, fraud prevention, and intelligence).

Ajay Bhatt and the Operation No Safe Haven Team

Associate Legal Advisor

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Washington, D.C.

Tracked down 70 human rights violators living illegally in the United States and coordinated their removal to face justice for crimes including murder, torture and ethnic cleansing

Anne Barker Dunn and the Veterans Justice Program Team

Deputy Director, Homeless Programs

Veterans Health Administration

Washington, D.C.

Reduced recidivism among veterans caught up in the criminal justice system, and lowered their chances of becoming homeless by providing housing, job counseling, and mental health and drug treatment services

Edward Grace and the Operation Crash Team

Deputy Chief, Office of Law Enforcement

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Falls Church, Virginia

Led a national investigation to arrest and prosecute numerous individuals who profited from smuggling and illegally selling rhino horns and elephant tusks

Thomas A. Mariani, Jr., Steven O'Rourke and Sarah D. Himmelhoch

Deputy Chief (Mariani), Senior Attorney (O'Rourke) and Senior Counsel (Himmelhoch)

Department of Justice, Environment and Natural Resources Division

Washington, D.C.

Secured a record \$20.8 billion legal settlement against BP for the devastating 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, providing funds to help a five-state region recover from the massive environmental disaster

Richard May

Director, Office of Special Measures

Department of the Treasury, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network

Vienna, Virginia

Employed underutilized authorities to expose drug cartels, transnational criminal organizations and others who launder money in the U.S. through high-end real estate, fashion and electronics transactions

Management Excellence Medal Finalists

This medal recognizes a federal employee for demonstrating superior leadership and management excellence through a significant contribution to the nation that exemplifies efficient, effective and results-oriented government.

William Gregory Burel

Director, Division of Strategic National Stockpile

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Atlanta, Georgia

Expertly manages the \$7 billion national stockpile of emergency medicines and medical supplies, and has spearheaded 10 major and 30 other responses, from an influenza pandemic to the Ebola crisis

Patricia Dehmer

Deputy Director for Science Programs

Department of Energy, Office of Science

Washington, D.C.

Transformed and expanded the Energy Department's state-of-the-art research laboratories to meet our nation's long-term energy needs, leading to breakthroughs in superconductivity, nanotechnology, X-ray imaging and more

Dr. Burke Healey and the Avian Influenza Emergency Response Team

Executive Director, Surveillance, Preparedness and Response Services

Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Fort Collins, Colorado

Halted the spread of the largest animal disease outbreak in U.S. history, an avian influenza virus that threatened human health, the poultry industry and the jobs of 1.8 million people

Kimya Lee and the Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey Team

Senior Advisor, Research and Evaluation

Office of Personnel Management

Washington, D.C.

Turned a government-wide survey into an effective tool for managers to better understand employee views of the workplace, providing critical data for leaders to improve employee engagement, satisfaction and performance

National Security and International Affairs Medal Finalists

This medal recognizes a federal employee for a significant contribution to the nation in activities related to national security and international affairs (including defense, military affairs, diplomacy, foreign assistance and trade).

John Pallister and the Volcano Disaster Assistance Team

Chief, Volcano Disaster Assistance Program

U.S. Geological Survey

Vancouver, Washington

Strengthened volcano readiness and warning systems worldwide, helping countries forecast eruptions, save lives and reduce economic losses while enhancing America's ability to respond to domestic volcanoes

Daniel Patt

Program Manager, Tactical Technology Office

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency

Arlington, Virginia

Developed a cutting-edge system that allows U.S. warfighters to strike their intended targets faster and with greater accuracy, while helping to protect American troops and innocent civilians

Carrie Stokes

Chief Geographer and Director of the GeoCenter

U.S. Agency for International Development

Washington, D.C.

Helped USAID make better decisions about its economic and humanitarian assistance in developing countries by championing the use of satellite data and geographic information to combat poverty, disease and natural disasters

Kirk Yeager

Chief Explosives Scientist

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Quantico, Virginia

As the FBI's premier bomb expert, leads U.S. and foreign law enforcement to determine how terrorist-made explosives work, and find new ways to detect and stop them

Science and Environment Medal Finalists

This medal recognizes a federal employee for a significant contribution to the nation in activities related to science and environment (including biomedicine, economics, energy, information technology, meteorology, resource conservation and space).

Christopher D. Doley

Chief, Habitat Restoration Division

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service

Silver Spring, Maryland

Crafted a comprehensive, multibillion dollar plan to repair the immense damage to the waterways, land, fish and wildlife in the Gulf of Mexico caused by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill

David A. Hindin

Senior Policy Director for Innovation and Next Generation Compliance

Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

Washington, D.C.

Spearheaded the EPA's use of advanced pollution monitoring technology to increase compliance with federal environmental laws, provide more public transparency and reduce harmful pollutants in our air and waterways

Jaques Reifman and the APPRAISE Team

Senior Research Scientist

U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command

Ft. Detrick, Maryland

Developed an artificial intelligence system for medics to quickly detect if severely injured patients in transit are hemorrhaging, improving survival rates by preparing trauma centers to act immediately upon the patient's arrival

Dennis C. Reuter and the LEISA Team

Staff Scientist

National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Goddard Space Flight Center

Greenbelt, Maryland

Developed a sophisticated instrument for NASA's New Horizons spacecraft that revealed startling new information about Pluto's terrain and composition, altering our perceptions of the solar system

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