ATLANTA FEDERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

46TH ANNUAL EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD CEREMONY

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VIRTUAL CEREMONY

Come Together - Unity Throughout the Federal Agencies
During Public Service Recognition Week, we pay tribute to our Federal, State, and local government employees for their unwavering dedication to civil service. On the front lines in times of prosperity and adversity alike, our world-class workforce remains ready and willing to serve their fellow Americans. At all levels of government, our civilian personnel have made our Nation stronger and more prosperous.

In recent weeks and months, our Nation’s civilian officials have united with unprecedented urgency and resolve to respond to the coronavirus pandemic. Their tireless efforts are ensuring Federal, State, local, and tribal governments continue to provide necessary services to their constituents, are helping forge productive government-private sector partnerships, and are bolstering our ongoing recovery efforts. Our public health experts, who always play an integral role in protecting the health and wellbeing of our people, have provided critical and timely guidance to Americans on how to stay healthy and prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Emergency managers, first responders, and law enforcement are continuing to provide life-saving care, comfort, and support to those affected. Postal workers are delivering essential supplies and communications. Sanitation workers are keeping our communities clean. School teachers and educators are continuing to provide virtual education and support to students. And countless other public servants are diligently and humbly supporting our American way of life during this crisis. Through their dedicated efforts, the American people are protected and supported despite the unprecedented challenges we face.

As we start to see a promising forecast and eventual recovery — thanks in large part to the extraordinary sacrifices the American people have made on behalf of their fellow citizens — we can begin the critical work of reopening our country. We know that our public service employees will play a crucial role in restarting our economy and getting our society fully revitalized, while also protecting American lives. My Administration remains committed to supporting these men and women at all levels of government during this process, ensuring they have the resources and information they need to continue serving the American people while also safeguarding their own wellbeing. Together, we will complete the work of rebuilding and restoring our Nation.

This Public Service Recognition Week, we are especially grateful to our devoted public servants. Their experience, expertise, and commitment to service will lift our Nation up during these difficult times and help ensure a swift recovery. We will forever be indebted to them for their hard work, dedication, and courage, always remembering their irreplaceable contributions to our people and our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim May 3 through May 9, 2020, as Public Service Recognition Week. I call upon Americans and all Federal, State, tribal, and local government agencies to recognize the dedication of our Nation’s public servants and to observe this week through appropriate programs and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this first day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fourth.

DONALD J. TRUMP
September 15, 2020

To: The Atlanta Federal Executive Board

GREETINGS:

On behalf of the state of Georgia, allow me to extend my warmest regards to the 46th Annual Employee of the Year Award Ceremony for the Atlanta Federal Executive Board as you host and participate in your event.

Please allow me also to welcome your distinguished guests, honorees, their families, and other attendees.

I send my best wishes for a productive event!

Sincerely,

Governor Brian P. Kemp
September 15, 2020

Greetings:

On behalf of the City of Atlanta, welcome to the 46th Annual Federal Employee of the Year Virtual Awards Ceremony.

We are proud to join the Atlanta Executive Board in honoring more than 47,000 federal, postal, and military employees across the Atlanta metropolitan region. Each day, public employees perform their jobs with professionalism and integrity, making government services accessible and responsive to our citizens' needs.

The Atlanta Executive Board serves as a vital link to intergovernmental coordination across the 50-county region around Atlanta. As such, each of you should take great pride in the outstanding services you provide to our community. You consistently stand poised to facilitate interagency projects and help bridge the gap between local agency offices and area leaders.

The City of Atlanta congratulates this year’s honorees for their outstanding achievements and dedication to public service. We are proud to celebrate your accomplishments, and we offer our best wishes on your continued success.

Sincerely,

Keisha Lance Bottoms
August 27, 2020

Greetings and Salutations:

On behalf of the Atlanta Federal Executive Board, it is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the 46th Annual Employee of the Year Award Ceremony. At today’s celebration we honor many of the remarkable contributions and exceptional achievements of our Federal colleagues across the Atlanta Metropolitan Area.

We appreciate each individual Federal employee and the noteworthy accomplishments you contributed to moving your organization and the federal community forward. Within each agency, our colleagues strive for excellence in public service by finding innovative solutions to complex issues throughout these unprecedented and challenging times. Words cannot express the genuine pride we feel serving with you; it is through events like these that we showcase our sincere esteem. Through your work you continue to make a difference and provide significant return on investment for taxpayers. Thank you for your service.

To our nominees and finalists, we applaud your accomplishments and honor you through today’s ceremony. The finalists represent the best of the best as there are more than 47,000 employees in the Atlanta Metropolitan Area, and you are within the top three in your category. When you think about it, many of the results of our collective work will be on display during this ceremony and I hope you walk away as impressed as I am about all we do as a Federal community to enhance the lives of millions of residents across the Southeast Region. We have the great fortune of witnessing your collect brilliance throughout the year so today we celebrate and share all you do for our Nation with the broader community.

All in attendance, please feel free to celebrate your colleagues with virtual applause and support as I am confident this is going to be an event to remember.

Sincerely,

Michelle Driscoll
Chairperson, 2020 Atlanta Federal Executive Board
Regional Administrator, U.S. Department of Labor,
Office of the Assistance Secretary for Administration and Management
Greetings,

On behalf of the Atlanta Federal Executive Board, I would like to congratulate all of the nominees for the 46th Annual Employee of the Year Awards Ceremony. Your nomination exemplifies the highest level of public service and commitment to serving America’s taxpayers. Today, we recognize and honor your extraordinary accomplishments in the federal community throughout the Southeast Region.

While faced with unprecedented challenges over the past year, you have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the highest standards of customer service and proven that challenges will consistently be met with innovation, flexibility and courage. Our theme for this year’s award ceremony is “Come Together – Unity throughout the Federal Agencies”. One of the cornerstones for the Atlanta Federal Executive Board and the Federal Executive Board Network is to promote interagency partnerships, while simultaneously honoring and recognizing the hard work and valuable contributions of federal employees. Your commitment to civil service underscores the importance of your commitment to federal service.

As you receive your award and recognition, let us not forget the thousands of federal employees who also meet the daily challenges of public service. Although these federal employees may not be recognized in their accomplishments each day, you represent them in your accomplishments as well.

On behalf of all agency members of the Atlanta Federal Executive Board, I say to each of you “Job well done!” You are to be commended for the excellence service you provide to your country, your agencies and your communities.

Joel Bridges
Executive Director
Atlanta Federal Executive Board
Greetings,

As Deputy Director of the Atlanta Federal Executive Board, I am pleased to welcome you to the 46th Annual Employee of the Year Award Ceremony. We Salute this year’s theme of “Come Together – Unity throughout the Federal Agencies.”

Although we are living in challenging and unprecedented times, this year’s theme rings true demonstrating how this awards ceremony has been made possible by us as a federal community coming together without being together.

The Atlanta federal community represents some of the best and brightest our government has to offer. For those who were nominated by their agency, and for those who were selected as finalists, know that this alone is a huge testament to the outstanding work you do every day. For the winners—congratulations! You represent the “best of the best” for 2020. An agency is nothing without its people and their positive attitudes.

Again, congratulations to the nominees, finalists, and winners. To the agencies that graciously allowed your people to help, and to those that dedicated many hours to this program, I say a big “Thank You.” Without your support, this virtual awards ceremony would not have been possible.

M. Renee Wootson
Deputy Executive Director
Atlanta Federal Executive Board
Introduction..........................Delphine D. Williams
Co-Chair Atlanta FEB Strategic Goal 2 Workforce Development Council
Employee of the Year Award Ceremony Planning Advisor

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Mistress of Ceremony...............Carmen Hayes
Regional Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Welcome...............................Michelle Driscoll
Chairperson, 2020 Atlanta Federal Executive Board
Regional Administrator, Office of the Administration and Management
Department of Labor

Introduction of Keynote Speaker...Joel Bridges
Executive Director, Atlanta Federal Executive Board

Keynote Speaker.......................Ken Corbin
Commissioner, Wage & Investment Division, Internal Revenue Service

Presentation of Awards...............Donald Robinson
Region IV Director, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency

Vickie Tellis
Deputy Director, Mission Support Division
Environmental Protection Agency

David Fix
Regional Audit Manager, Eastern Region
Defense Contract Audit Agency

Renee Wootson
Deputy Executive Director, Atlanta Federal Executive Board

Acknowledgements...................Joel Bridges
Executive Director, Atlanta Federal Executive Board

Closing Remarks.......................Delphine D. Williams
Co-Chair, Atlanta FEB Strategic Goal 2 Workforce Development Council
Employee of the Year Award Ceremony Planning Advisor
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Region IV Director, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency

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Deputy Director, Mission Support Division, Environmental Protection Agency

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Regional Audit Manager, Eastern Region Defense Contract Audit Agency

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Deputy Executive Director, Atlanta Federal Executive Board

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OUTSTANDING MANAGER AWARD

This award recognizes a manager, deputy, or assistant manager of a branch, division, or facility, or the military equivalent who demonstrates exceptional performance, integrity, accountability, vision, resource management, personnel or financial administration, and strides in EEO and diversity.

FINALISTS

Hunter Johnson
Environmental Protection Agency

[Image of Hunter Johnson]
OUTSTANDING SUPERVISOR AWARD

This award recognizes skill in planning and directing the work of others, enhancing organizational efficiency, guiding employee development and goal setting, mentoring and coaching performance to develop skills and abilities to the fullest extent, and innovative program implementation.

FINALISTS

John D. Ferguson  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Louis J. McKown  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Mark G. Kowal  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission

NOMINEES

Tracey Walker Carter  
Internal Revenue Service

Delores Rodgers-Smith  
Environmental Protection Agency

De'Lyntoneus Moore  
Environmental Protection Agency

Angie Billups-Washington  
Environmental Protection Agency
OUTSTANDING SCIENTIFIC AWARD

This award recognizes employees in a non-supervisory scientific, medical, engineering, research, biological, or other technical position.

FINALISTS

John Zeiler  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Geoffrey K. Ottenberg  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission

William B. Ainslie  
Environmental Protection Agency

NOMINEES

Robert Thomas  
Internal Revenue Service

Dr. Irshad M. Sulaiman  
Food and Drug Administration

Davy Simonson  
Environmental Protection Agency

Sharon Thoms  
Environmental Protection Agency

Christine McKay  
Environmental Protection Agency

Glen Fernandez  
Environmental Protection Agency
OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL AWARD

This award recognizes employees in a non-supervisory professional field that could include Contracting Specialist, Accountants, Personnel Specialists, Tax Auditors, Automation Specialists, or other similar professions.

FINALISTS

Kishawn Griffin
Federal Aviation Administration

Matthew F. Wright
General Services Administration

Steven P. Smith
Nuclear Regulatory Commission

NOMINEES

Kimberly R. Stavely
General Services Administration

Cheryl Brooks
Federal Aviation Administration

Jennifer L. Murray
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Sean M. Flynn
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Diana M. Woods
Environmental Protection Agency

Tammye Cross
Environmental Protection Agency

Doug Deakin
Environmental Protection Agency
OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN DIVERSITY AWARD

This award honors outstanding leadership or accomplishments in diversity. This could include a variety of positive initiatives, actions, or programs that solved problems impacting the workforce, introduced or managed effective conflict resolution, enhanced opportunities in upward mobility or professional development, mentoring, special emphasis programs, Alternative Dispute Resolution, etc.

FINALISTS

Regina Jones
Department of Labor

Region IV Diversity Group
Environmental Protection Agency

EPA Achievement in Diversity Team

Cynthia Y. Edwards
Environmental Protection Agency

NOMINEES

Nicole Radford
Environmental Protection Agency
OUTSTANDING SECRETARIAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AWARD

This award recognizes an individual or group who performs work in typing and/or stenography, correspondence control and tracking, data transcription, filing, receptionist duties, or other general administrative support functions.

FINALISTS

Caprice Upshaw
Internal Revenue Service

Wendy Bias
Environmental Protection Agency

Clifford Beller
Environmental Protection Agency

NOMINEES

Quenn Lovett
Environmental Protection Agency
OUTSTANDING AWARD FOR HEROISM

This award recognizes employees who have demonstrated outstanding courage, bravery, and the voluntary risk of personal safety in the face of danger in an emergency. The act of heroism or valor could occur while on or off official duty.

FINALISTS

Judy Kruger
Center for Disease Control and Prevention

Bureau of Health Resources and Bureau of Primary Health Care
Health Resources and Services Administration
OUTSTANDING TECHNICIAN AWARD

This award recognizes employees in technician positions such as Electronics Technician, Engineering Technician, Accounting Technician, Personnel Assistant, Medical Technologist, Military Technician, etc.

FINALISTS

Unified Contact Center Enterprise Upgrade Team
Internal Revenue Service

Kenya Harper
Federal Aviation Administration

Andrea Anderson
Environmental Protection Agency
OUTSTANDING TEAM AWARD

This category honors teams of employees who have made an outstanding contribution to achieving a special project, accomplishing their agency’s mission, achieving a significant cost reduction, or providing exceptional service to a customer or the public.

FINALISTS

Leadership and Training Team
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Office of Regional Counsel Training Team
Environmental Protection Agency

State Implementation & Planning Team
Environmental Protection Agency

NOMINEES

Implement Telework for Customer Service Representatives Team
Internal Revenue Service

Conference Team
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Federal Advisory Committee Act Team
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Bureau of Workforce, Division of Regional Operations
Health Resources and Services Administration

Leaking Underground Storage Tank Team
Environmental Protection Agency

R4 COVID Field Response Team
Environmental Protection Agency

Water Quality Modeling Team
Environmental Protection Agency

Ocean Dumping Sustainable Efficiencies Team
Environmental Protection Agency

Ocean Dumping Sustainable Efficiencies Team
Environmental Protection Agency

Polychlorinated Biphenyls Team
Environmental Protection Agency
The Thomas Liederbach Memorial Award for Individuals recognizes outstanding unpaid volunteer work within the community. Candidates must have contributed time and talents without pay or other compensation during non-duty hours away from work. These voluntary activities should not be a part of normal job duties. Volunteer service may span a wide range of activities that help others in need through work in civic, community, or humanitarian.

**FINALISTS**

Perry J. Gibbs  
General Services Administration

Wendell Kestie  
Environmental Protection Agency

Kathie Walther  
Environmental Protection Agency

**NOMINEES**

Anna Louise Cornelious  
Environmental Protection Agency

Melissa Hardage  
Environmental Protection Agency
OUTSTANDING CUSTOMER SERVICE AWARD

This award recognizes an individual or group that provides significant value-added services to a customer such as exceeding customer service goals; improving service in a significant way; reducing “red-tape” for customers; or documenting service “results” using customer feedback.

FINALISTS

Edilio Diaz
Internal Revenue Service

Fred Thomas III
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Angel Paschall-Harmon
General Services Administration

NOMINEES

Robert Thomas
Internal Revenue Service

Dr. Irshad M. Sulaiman
Food and Drug Administration

Davy Simonson
Environmental Protection Agency

Sharon Thoms
Environmental Protection Agency

Christine McKay
Environmental Protection Agency

Glen Fernandez
Environmental Protection Agency
OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE WITH A DISABILITY AWARD

This award recognizes an individual who has exerted extra effort to overcome challenges presented by a disability to make a significant contribution to the employing organization.

FINALISTS

Abena Moore
Environmental Protection Agency

Bryan Lipscomb
Environmental Protection Agency
OUTSTANDING LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD

This award recognizes uniformed or non-uniformed Law Enforcement Officers who demonstrate outstanding enforcement of civil or criminal laws and protection of life and/or property.

FINALISTS

Spent Blast Media Sham Recycling, Speculative Accumulation, UST Corporation Team
Environmental Protection Agency
OUTSTANDING PARTNERSHIP AWARD (INTERAGENCY)

This award recognizes a group for exemplary efforts and contributions, which required significant coordination, planning, and interaction with private companies, individuals or groups; state/local governments; or other organizations outside of the Federal government.

FINALISTS

HBCU Partnership Team
Environmental Protection Agency
OUTSTANDING PARTNERSHIP AWARD (EXTERNAL)

This award recognizes a group for exemplary efforts and contributions, which required significant coordination, planning, and interaction with various governmental units across agency jurisdictions within the Federal government.

FINALISTS

Safe Food Section Team
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Rubbertown Team
Environmental Protection Agency

Nonpoint Source Water Pollution Prevention Team
Environmental Protection Agency

NOMINEES

Fairfax St. Wood Treaters Superfund Site Team
Environmental Protection Agency

GA Dam Removal Handbook Team
Environmental Protection Agency

Reduction Team
Environmental Protection Agency
RONALD J. STEPHENS LEADERSHIP LEGACY AWARD

This award category recognizes Senior Leadership for demonstrating exemplary leadership in the Atlanta Metro Area by forging collaborative interagency relationships leaving behind in others the conviction and will to continue commitment, dedication, outstanding vision and passion for developing, encouraging, and inspiring leaders.

FINALISTS

Maurice Horsey
Environmental Protection Agency

Rhonda Bailey
Environmental Protection Agency
SPECIAL THANKS TO...

2020 FEB EMPLOYEE AWARDS - MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES
Carmen Hayes, Regional Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Carmen Hayes is the Regional Administrator (RA) of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s (NHTSA) Region 4 Office, headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia. She began her highway safety career in 1997, as an intern, in NHTSA’s Regional Operations and Program Delivery Office in Washington, DC. She became the Deputy Regional Administrator for Region 4 in 2006 and worked in that capacity for eight years prior to becoming the Region 4 RA.

During her career at NHTSA, Carmen has received many individual and team honors, including the 1999 Secretary’s Gold Medal Award for Outstanding Achievement for her exemplary work on the Garrett A. Morgan Program team in the education of Washington DC students in the field of transportation and the 2001 NHTSA Employee of the Year Award.

Carmen holds a B.A. in English and an M.S. in Transportation from Morgan State University in Baltimore, as well as an M.S. in Management from Troy University. She is also a member of the Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society.

2020 FEB AWARDS - KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Ken Corbin, Commissioner
Wage & Investment Division, Internal Revenue Service

Ken Corbin serves as the Commissioner of the Wage and Investment Division, responsible for the administration of tax laws governing individual wage earners in the United States. He has responsibility for approximately 37,000 employees, located in approximately 376 Taxpayer Assistance Centers, 10 Service Centers and 15 Remote Call Sites, nationwide. Ken was appointed as Commissioner, W&I Division, in January 2017.

Prior to this assignment, Ken was the Director, Return Integrity and Compliance Services in the W&I Division. He was responsible for strengthening the integrity of the tax system through pre-refund revenue protection and the oversight of refundable credits.

Mr. Corbin began his career in government service at the Atlanta Service Center in the Submission Processing Document Retention Branch in 1986. Ken holds bachelor’s degrees in chemistry and philosophy from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. He is a graduate of the fall 2008 Candidate Development Program.
**SPECIAL THANKS TO...**

**THE FEB EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR BLUE RIBBON PANELISTS**

**Bruce Taylor**  
Field Audit Office Manager  
Atlanta Branch Office  
Defense Contract Audit Agency

Mr. Bruce M. Taylor is the Field Audit Office (FAO) Manager of the Atlanta Branch Office with the Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) located in Smyrna Ga. He has been with DCAA for over 15 years and began his auditing career at the Ft. Walton Beach sub-office in Ft. Walton Beach FL. Mr. Taylor holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications, a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree and a minor in Finance from the University of West Florida in Pensacola, FL.

**Jessica T. Fortis**  
Project Management and Planning Operation  
Lockheed Martin Aeronautics

Mrs. Jessica T. Fortis currently oversees international and US government aeronautics/air mobility contracts totaling roughly 30 billion dollars in cost. Ms. Fortis began her career at Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) as a Financial Analysis after serving seven years in the United States Navy. Mrs. Fortis graduated from Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA, Summa Cum Laude.

**Anneka Jenkins**  
Speaker | Philanthropist  
CEO of A. Maquay Creative, Co-founder of Show Me Shoes Foundation

In 2009, Ms. Jenkins co-founded The Show Me Shoes Foundation. Show Me Shoes is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to build confidence, starting at the ‘sole,’ by creating a movement through self-love, mentorship, new opportunities and sisterhood that has reached more than 3,500 young girls nationally. She received her degree in Communications with an emphasis in TV and Radio Broadcasting. Ms. Jenkins is also a former Kansas City Chiefs Cheerleader.
SPECIAL THANKS TO...

THE FEB EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR PRESENTERS

**Donald Robinson Region IV Director**
Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency

Don Robinson is the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Region IV Director (RD) in Atlanta, GA, and is the senior regional official accountable for the execution of CISA’s mission. As the CISA RD, Mr. Robinson directs all non-regulatory CISA operations in the region to enhance the security and resilience of the region’s critical infrastructure.

Mr. Robinson was previously the National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD) Regional Integration Pilot Lead in Atlanta, GA. Before the start of the Pilot program, Mr. Robinson was the Protective Security Coordination Division’s RD for Region IV.

Following his retirement from military service, he was employed by Applied Marine Technology Inc. as a Survey Manager responsible for providing technical support to the U.S. Special Operations Command’s Integrated Survey Program. He supervised, conducted and produced assessments for international airfields and other key diplomatic facilities worldwide.

As an Air Force Special Operations Combat Controller, Mr. Robinson managed a survey branch responsible for detailed mission planning, and joint coordination for on-site surveys of U.S. embassies and consulates abroad. He also developed Emergency Contingency Plans for Non-combatant Evacuation Operations.

**Vickie Tellis, Deputy Director**
Mission Support Division, Environmental Protection Agency

Vickie Tellis is the Mission Support Division, Deputy Director for the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 4 – Atlanta, Georgia. In this capacity, she brings 31 years of federal service as she provides leadership of the business operations and management of Region 4 programs in the eight Southeastern States and Tribal Lands.

Throughout her career, including five years with the U.S. Air Force Audit Agency, Ms. Tellis has served in several leadership capacities. She has also served in critical executive roles within EPA as Acting Director, Executive Resources Division at EPA Headquarters in Washington D.C.; Acting Director, Laboratory Services and Applied Science Division in Athens, GA; and Acting Director, Mission Support Division in Atlanta, GA.

Ms. Tellis received a Bachelor of Science from Alabama State University and Master of Business Administration from Georgia College & State University. Additionally, Ms. Tellis completed the Federal Executive Institute Leadership Development Training and 2018 graduate of the Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program.
SPECIAL THANKS TO...

THE FEB EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR PRESENTERS

David Fix, Regional Audit Manager
Defense Contract Audit Agency

David Fix is the Regional Audit Manager (RAM), for the Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA), Eastern Region where he is responsible for three field audit offices (FAOs) and their staff totaling 139 auditors/support staff covering approximately 500+ active defense contractors and contracts valued at 25+ billion dollars. He has served DCAA since 1986 in various developmental capacities including deployments to Kuwait, Afghanistan, and Iraq. Professionally, Mr. Fix is a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Fraud Examiner, Certified Acquisition Professional-Level III (highest) in contract auditing, and a member of the Defense Acquisition Corps.

Mr. Fix earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo and a Master of Science degree in accounting from Western New England College (now University). He is also a graduate of the Department of Defense’s Executive Leadership Development Program (2014). I was awarded DCAA’s Meritorious Civilian Service Award (DCAA’s second highest), Global War on Terrorism, and NATO Non Article 5 medals. Mr. Fix served 36 years in the Air Force Reserve/Air National Guard in both enlisted and officer positions retiring at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Renee Wootson, Senior Analyst
Environmental Protection Agency

Renee Wootson is a Senior Analyst for the Environmental Protection Agency in the Region 4 Mission Support Division, Human Resources Management Branch. She has over 18 years of civil service experience, serving as an EPA expert consultant in organizational development, workforce planning, process improvement and organizational effectiveness.

Ms. Wootson began her federal career at EPA as a student in the Office of Regional Administrator and subsequently obtained a student trainee position in the Comptroller’s Branch. She served as the Regional Strategic Sourcing coordinator and served as the Special Assistant to Region 4’s Assistant Regional Administrator. Ms. Wootson later served as the Atlanta Federal Executive Board (FEB) Emergency Preparedness and Employee Safety Manager. There after as EPA Region 4’s Regional Civil Rights Officer.

Ms. Wootson is actively involved with the Atlanta FEB serving as the Deputy Executive Director and Co-Chair for the Strategic Partnerships Council where she provides leadership on various cross collaborative efforts including the White House Homelessness Initiative, White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, much more. She holds a bachelor’s degree from DeVry University and two Master’s of Business Administration and a Master’s of Accounting and Financial Management from Keller Graduate School of Management. She also holds a certificate in Strategic Workforce Planning and Strategic Planning. In addition, she is also a trained Coach, Facilitator, Mediator and in Lean Six Sigma.
SPECIAL THANKS

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Employee of the Year Screening Panel

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William B. Ainslie, Environmental Protection Agency

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OUTSTANDING TECHNICIAN AWARD
Kenya Harper, Federal Aviation Administration

OUTSTANDING TEAM AWARD
State Implementation and Planning Team, Environmental Protection Agency
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS

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State Implementation and Planning Team, Environmental Protection Agency

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Edilio Diaz, Internal Revenue Service

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CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL
2020 WINNERS

THANKS EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING.