



THE SECRETARY'S

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Awards
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Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Secretary of Transportation

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PROGRAM

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Master of Ceremonies

Whitney Nichels

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Presentation of Colors

U.S. Coast Guard Honor Guard

The National Anthem

Cardinal Shehan School Choir

Introduction of Senior Officials

Whitney Nichels

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Introduction of U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg

Polly Trottenberg

Deputy Secretary of Transportation

Presentation of Awards

Meritorious Achievement and Excellence

Creativity and Innovation

Transportation Safety

Leadership in Sustainability and Climate

Lawrence R. Schneider

Phyllis F. Scheinberg

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Partnering for Excellence

Team

Outstanding Achievement—Gold Medal

Meritorious Achievement—(Silver Medal)

This is the second highest award given by the Secretary in recognition of meritorious service to the Department or Federal government for exceptional achievement, which substantially contributed to the accomplishment of the Department's mission or major programs.

Excellence

This award is granted to employees who have achieved outstanding performance in all aspects of their work and deserve special commendation.

Meritorious—(Silver Medal)

Federal Aviation Administration

Kevin Coker

For exemplary management of the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center's Energy Program.

Stefanie Wiles

For excellence supporting the Power Services Group in their critical work powering the National Aerospace System.

Meritorious—(Silver Medal)

Federal Highway Administration

Corey Bobba

For excellence and service as the Strategic and Legislative Coordinator, Office of Federal Lands Highways.

Thomas Elliot

For outstanding leadership in workforce development and innovation in the Federal Highway Administration.

MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT AND EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Federal Highway Administration (continued)

Dawn Horan

For exemplary leadership and significant achievements in providing legal advice and assistance to many key program areas.

Carin Michel

For leading significant workforce development, innovation, and transformational change throughout the Federal Highway Administration.

Govindarajan Vadakpat

For sustained leadership in the successful development of the Traffic Optimization for Signalized Corridors application.

Excellence

Federal Highway Administration

Rafael Castanon

For excellence leading Yellowstone National Park road and bridge construction projects in the Western Federal Lands Highway Division.

Jose David

For excellent performance representing the Eastern Federal Lands interests in valued partnerships with the Government of the Virgin Islands.

Ahmani Hartwell

For extraordinary customer service and outstanding performance supporting the Department and the Federal Highway Administration.

Patrick Kowing

For superior achievement managing the in-person operations of the Materials Laboratory throughout a national health emergency and safety renovations.

Anthony Palombo

For providing stewardship and oversight to the Rhode Island Department of Transportation's Federal-aid Highway Program.

MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT AND EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Meritorious—(Silver Medal)

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Christine Hydock

For significant contributions to the medical oversight of interstate truck and bus drivers.

Theresa Rowlett

For leadership in the restructuring of the Agency's Field Operations and Enforcement and Compliance Divisions.

Excellence

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Ngoc-Khanh Hoang

For providing outstanding support and customer service for Information Technology security operations.

Elizabeth Ponce

For providing exceptional administrative support and outstanding contributions to the California Division.

Meritorious—(Silver Medal)

Federal Railroad Administration

Brian Shiner

For leading multiple, innovative changes advancing the Agency's mission.

Melvin Strong III

For extraordinary management of the State Safety Participation Program.

MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT AND EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Excellence

Federal Railroad Administration

Kurt Erickson

For unwavering dedication to the training and certification of Railroad Engineers and Conductors.

Jordan Gibson

For demonstrating professionalism, positive character, and safety advocacy as an Operating Practices Safety Inspector.

Jon Kraholik

For professionalism, leadership, and unwavering commitment to railroad safety.

Meritorious—(Silver Medal)

Federal Transit Administration

Mark Bathrick

For designing and implementing the American Rescue Plan Additional Assistance Funding process.

Athena Medero

For outstanding achievement in the delivery of the Capital Investment Program.

Excellence

Federal Transit Administration

Alexandra Galanti

For commitment to excellence in advancing several critical performance-related projects for the Federal Transit Administration.

Philip Monty

For development and delivery of technical safety training during COVID-19 response and recovery.

Douglas Stephen

For providing outstanding administrative support to the New York City Regional Office during the COVID-19 pandemic.

MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT AND EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Meritorious—(Silver Medal)

Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation

Tammy Finnegan

For continually displaying excellence in the accomplishment of substantive projects that advance the Department's mission.

Excellence

Lori Grenier

For successful accomplishment and significant contributions to sound financial management for the Agency.

Meritorious—(Silver Medal)

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Yvonne Clarke

For commitment, devotion, and resolve to support the President's humanitarian action directive as an outstanding DOT representative.

Shashi Kuppa

For significant contributions and leadership in advancing motor vehicle safety in the United States.

Regina Morgan

For service as a leader, mentor, colleague, and champion advancing equity and accessibility for all.

MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT AND EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Meritorious—(Silver Medal)

Office of Inspector General

Tiffany Mostert

For superior contributions in support of the Department of Transportation's employees, surface transportation programs, and safety-critical mission.

Marybeth Roberts

For supporting the Department of Transportation's efforts to safeguard taxpayer dollars, protect the American people, and maintain the public trust.

Meritorious—(Silver Medal)

Office of the Secretary

Brooke Chapman

For exemplary leadership promoting fair and equitable access for underserved, small, and rural communities to the National Transportation System.

Wassim Najm

For demonstrating numerous leadership achievements in advancing science and ingenuity at the Department of Transportation.

Vinh Nguyen

For working tirelessly to strengthen consumer and civil rights protections for air travelers.

MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT AND EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Excellence

Office of the Secretary

Kimberly Higgins

For exemplary environmental justice and equity support to the Federal Highway Administration's Office of Human Environment.

Ava Miller

For continuous excellence in execution of Emergency Response Team, Transportation Operations Center, and continuity activities.

Mary Ellen Powers

For superlative performance as Senior Staff Assistant for the Center of Infrastructure Systems & Technology.

Rocky Wehling

For exemplary work performance and instructional design contribution to support the Transportation Safety Institute mission.

Excellence

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Raul Gonzalez

For exceptional motivation, teamwork, volunteerism, and commitment advancing the Department's safety mission.

CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION AWARD

This award recognizes the work of teams or individuals who developed and deployed an innovative change that helped achieve or improve the mission of the organization.

CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION AWARD—INDIVIDUAL

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Michael Gatto

For development and deployment of a staffing plan tool to maximize resource utilization.

CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION AWARD—TEAM

BIL Innovation Team

For outstanding efforts and contributions towards the successful implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for Fiscal Year 2022.

Federal Aviation Administration

Rodney Joel

Janel Showalter

Catherine Nelmes

Eric Trinklein

Robotic Process Automation Team

For utilizing intelligent automation technology to improve services, organizational effectiveness, and mission capabilities.

Federal Aviation Administration

Steve Aube

Simon Moore

Derrick Rollins

Christopher Brimage

Jo-ann Napolitano

Teresa Ryser

Misha Carlisle

Linda Pahdoco

Rodney Sloan

Christopher Davis

Dedrian Parmer

Angela Sterling

Patrick McIntyre

Vincent Pham

Alan Thompson

CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION AWARD

Office of Communications Zero Tolerance Team

For decreasing the rate of airline passenger incidents by more than 60 percent in 2021.

Federal Aviation Administration

Kristen Alsop

Chris Atkin, Jr.

Elizabeth Cory

Stephen Custer

Emma Duncan

Susan Finnegan

John Fino

Darcy Gagnon

Ian Gregor

Kristina Harris

Jonathan Henning

Beth Krappweis

Allison LePage

Jonathan Lunsford

Neil Mansharamani

Adam Newberry

Thomas Parisi

Cynthia Ramsay

Jennifer Rossi

Jeannie Shiffer

Alison Watts

Leslie Welch

BIL Product Inventory Team

For developing a system that enables more efficient and effective tracking of BIL required products across the Agency.

Federal Highway Administration

Jason Broehm

Brian Cahill

Kelly Galardi

Elizabeth Patel

David Pinckney

Wesley Rutland-Brown

CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION AWARD

Oversight Tracking System Modernization Team

For the successful implementation of an official system of record for oversight data.

Federal Transit Administration

Donna Aggazio

Darin Allan

Marisa Appleton

Abel Ayala

Audrey Bredehoft

Donghee Cho

Anne Marie Coughlin

Michelle Daigle

John Day

Christopher Der

Madeleine Duchatellier

Jeremy Flores

Kristen Fredrich

Tiffany Gallegos

Scott Giering

Margaret Griffin

Evan Gross

Alexander Hammond

David Hostetter

Sandra Jackson McCrea

Hope Jensen

William Kalt

Rhonda King-Lakeman

Adam Klein

Travis Klein

Matthew Long

Christopher Macneith

Callion Maddox

Amitra Mamdouhi

Kelly McFetridge

Alison Pegram

Daniel Peschell

David Powell

Scot Rastelli

David Schilling

Lauren Tuzikow

Laura Wallace

Julian Watkins

Dante Wells

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AWARD

This award recognizes the work of teams or individuals who have made significant achievements in the area of transportation safety—the Department of Transportation’s top priority.

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AWARD—INDIVIDUAL

Federal Highway Administration

Catherine Satterfield

For significant impact on saving lives by reducing serious roadway departure crashes, and the establishment of minimum retroreflectivity standards for pavement markings.

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Linda Gilliam

For significant contributions reducing commercial motor vehicle fatal crashes and injuries.

Timothy White

For outstanding effort in the development of two key program areas for Commercial Driver’s License holders.

Federal Railroad Administration

Jeremy Moats

For unwavering support and unrelenting guidance in railroad workplace safety.

Office of Inspector General

Kevin George

For recognition of exemplary contributions to enhance the Federal Aviation Administration’s oversight of aviation safety.

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Neal Suchack

For substantial contributions to lithium battery safety outreach and engagement.

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AWARD—TEAM

Voluntary Safety Reporting Program Team

For creating and fielding a system for voluntary and confidential reporting of aviation safety issues.

Federal Aviation Administration

Cynthia Ashforth

David Ayars

Aleta Best

Michael Bloom

Tami Davis

Steven D’Urso

Michael Dostert

Veronica Gardner

Dara Gibson

Aiesha Harvey

Ricardo Hidalgo

Brenda Hooper

Robert Huber

James Humphries

Jamil Kabbara

Ingrid Knox

Paula Martinez

Danae Morales

Raymond Morgan

Carl Newton

Steven Ramdeen

Ann Reda

Michael Reinert

Chelsea Rowe

John Stuber

Loretta Summers

Matthew Todd

Andrew Turner

Thomas Van Dillen

Chad Walker

Pan Am Operating Practices Team

For work addressing safety and compliance on Pan Am Railways.

Federal Railroad Administration

Sean Fitzpatrick

Thomas Hebert

Ronald Reade

Daniel Toth

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AWARD

Enhanced Transit Safety Team

For exemplary efforts to enhance safety and prevent crime on the Nation's public transportation systems.

Federal Transit Administration

Donna Aggazio

Valerie Berton

Kristen Fredrich

Emily Jessup

Chaya Koffman

Gail Lyssy

Philip Monty

Paulina Orchard

Steven Taubenkibel

Sharece Tyer

Heather Ueyama

Transit Workforce Center Team

For launching and leading the first Transit Workforce Center, developing the workforce needed for safe transit systems.

Federal Railroad Administration

Adrienne Malasky

Federal Transit Administration

Michael Baltes

Valerie Berton

Christopher Hall

Betty Jackson

Office of the Secretary

Paige Shevlin

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AWARD

Maritime GPS Jamming and Spoofing Mitigation Team

For designing and testing an approach to mitigate effects of GPS jamming and spoofing in the maritime environment.

Federal Aviation Administration

James Aviles

Maritime Administration

John Goering

Kevin Kohlmann

Todd Ripley

Douglas Harrington

Cameron Naron

Office of the Secretary

Hatice Baser

Stephen Mackey

Karen Van Dyke

Elliott Baskerville

George Mantis

Eric Wallischeck

Monica Conyngham

Christopher Scarpone

Hadi Wassaf

Andrew Hansen

Melanie Soares

Transportation Safety Institute Program Development Team

For outstanding effort and innovative team work to develop and deliver highway safety courses.

Office of the Secretary

Mary Ann Rayment

Kendall Smith

Work Zone Data Exchange Team

For improving the safety of travelers and highway workers through the Department's Work Zone Data Exchange initiative.

Federal Highway Administration

Murat Omay

Office of the Secretary

Molly Behan

Mark Mockett

Nate Deshmukh Towery

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY AWARD

Remote Cylinder Inspection Team

For proposing and validating a novel virtual inspection protocol, making more efficient use of limited resources.

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Colleen Abbenhaus

Duane Cassidy

Adam Lucas

Neil Benninghoven

Felix Gonzalez

Robert Starin

Mitchell Brown

Jorg Kaltenegger

Michael Burkhardt

Patrick Lease

WipeOut Whippet Abuse Support Team

For exceptional support in the reduction of nitrous oxide misuse due to unsafe hazardous materials and packaging used in transport.

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Latoya Adams

Cheryl Freeman

Boris Pukhovitskiy

Mitchell Brown

Jorg Kaltenegger

Refaat Shafkey

Patrick Durkin

Wayne Lalicon

David Williamson

LEADERSHIP IN SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE AWARD

This award recognizes the work of teams or individuals for outstanding leadership or service that has significantly contributed to addressing sustainability and climate change.

Aviation Climate Action Team

For developing the aviation sector's vision and plan to reach net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

Federal Aviation Administration

Nathan Brown

James Hileman

Rudramuni Majjigi

Anna Oldani

Arthur Orton

Daniel Williams

BIL Climate Programs Team

For establishing new formula funding programs under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to address the climate crisis.

Federal Highway Administration

Jason Broehm

Christopher Brust

Charles Michael Culp

John Davies

Lev Gabrilovich

Elizabeth Habic

Dawn Horan

Robert Kafalenos

Joseph Krolak

Rebecca Lupes

Kathryn Maher

Suraiya Motsinger

David Pinckney

Kerry Rodgers

Patrick Smith

Diane Turchetta

Sustainable Pavements Program Team

For exceptional efforts to promote and advance sustainable practices within the Department and among external stakeholders.

Federal Highway Administration

Gina Ahlstrom

Jennifer Albert

Migdalia Carrion

Brian Dabling

Amir Golalipour

Austin Jarrell

LaToya Johnson

Antonio Nieves Torres

Nadarajah Sivaneswaran

Robert Spragg

Thomas Van

Jeffrey Withee

Hyunhwa Yu

Powering Future of Rail Workshop Team

For organizing and conducting the successful Environmentally Sustainable Energy Technologies, Powering Future of Rail Workshop.

Federal Railroad Administration

Phani Raj

Melissa Shurland

Sustainable Transit for a Healthy Planet Team

For outstanding efforts implementing the Federal Transit Administration's Climate Challenge to promote and increase sustainability.

Federal Transit Administration

Valerie Berton

Megan Blum

Alexandra Brun

Dee Phan

Vanessa Shoenfelt

Office of the Secretary

Gina Filosa

LEADERSHIP IN SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE AWARD

CAFE Team

For unyielding determination in the successful development and publication of the Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards for Model Years 2024-2026.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Roland Baumann III

Joseph Bayer

Lawrence Blincoe

Katherine Chasins

Giulio Chiuini

Paul Connet

Hannah Fish

David Greene

Bahman Habibzabeh

Maurice Hicks

Charmaine Jones

Kerry Kolodziej

Frederick Lamance II

Walter Lysenko

Vinay Nagabhushana

Hunter Oliver

Sean Puckett

Ross Rutledge

Rebecca Schade

Brian Seymour

Stephanie Walters

Seiar Zia

Office of the Secretary

Donald Baskin

Rebecca Blatnica

Bentley Clinton

Andrew Eilbert

Christina Foreman

Katya Garcia-Israel

Kevin Green

Don Pickrell

Gonzalo Saenz

Mark Shaulov

Ana Vargas

Alexis Zubrow

Climate Center Team

For reinstating the DOT Climate Change Center to address the critical issue of climate change.

Office of the Secretary

Tony Choi

Heather Holsinger

Shawn Johnson

CMAQ Toolkit Team

For providing simple, practical solutions for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement stakeholders.

Federal Highway Administration

David D’Onofrio

Edward Dancausse

Christopher Dresser

Mark Glaze

Wai-Ling Cecilia Ho

David Kall

George Noel

Karen Perritt

Office of the Secretary

Molly Behan

William Chupp

Andrew Eilbert

Katie Liu

Anjuliee Mittelman

Abigail Raymond

Matthew Simon

Alessandra Vennema

Alexis Zubrow

The Lawrence R. Schneider Award

This award was established to honor the memory of Lawrence R. Schneider, Chief Counsel of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, from August 9, 1971, until his death on July 12, 1974. Presentation of this award is made annually to an especially competent and productive Department of Transportation attorney who has been admitted to the bar within the last 10 years and has a distinguished record of ability and accomplishment.

The Phyllis F. Scheinberg Award

This award was established to honor the memory of Phyllis F. Scheinberg, who was the Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs, and Chief Financial Officer from April 29, 2005 to January 6, 2009. She also served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs from 2001 to 2005. This presentation is made annually to Department of Transportation individuals or team who are members of the financial management community and have made significant contributions to the mission of the Department in the budget, finance, or performance areas.

The Lawrence R. Schneider Award

Federal Highway Administration

Courtney Gianturco

For outstanding legal service and engagement in furtherance of the mission of the Federal Highway Administration and Department of Transportation.

The Phyllis F. Scheinberg Award

Federal Aviation Administration

Thane Peters

For an exceptional level of integrity and leadership while performing multiple, varying, and complex assignments for FAA's Budget Execution Division.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION AWARD

This award is granted by the Secretary to honor employees, supervisors, managers, or teams that drive diversity, equity, and inclusion through effective leadership, skill, imagination, and perseverance.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION AWARD—INDIVIDUAL

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Glenn Foster

For outstanding leadership and initiative in achieving a more collaborative and equitable workplace.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION AWARD—TEAM

DEIA Symposium Team

For planning, promoting, and executing the first Department of Transportation DEIA Symposium.

Federal Aviation Administration

Lindsay Aaronson

Yvette Aine

Gioia Albi

Sharon Boesen

Timmy Brown

Timothy Fitten II

Lance Harris

Thomas Harris

Michael Looney

Tamara Smith

LaDonna Thompson

Gender Inclusive Language Policy Team

For successfully developing and enacting a Gender Inclusive Language Policy, and furthering diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts.

Federal Aviation Administration

Timothy Adams

Yvette Aine

Gioia Albi

Erik Amend

Deandra Brooks

David Chien

Thomas Cuddy

Bonnie Dragotto

Nicole Gage

Jonathan Henning

Leslie Higgins

Sabrina Jones

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION AWARD

Federal Aviation Administration (continued)

Allison LePage
Tara McDaniel
Sara Mikolop
Deidre Onizuk
Jessica Orquina

Philip Putter
Gene Roth
Christine Sharp
Jeannie Shiffer
Abigail Smith

LaVada Strickland
Talethia Thomas
Karlin Toner
Kamisha Walker

Level Up Team

For creating the Agency's largest Air Traffic Controller hiring campaign recruiting women, minorities, and individuals from disadvantaged communities.

Federal Aviation Administration

Marcia Adams
Kristen Alsop
Matthew Ash
Chris Atkin, Jr.
Stephen Custer
Emma Duncan
John Fino
Darcy Gagnon

Ian Gregor
Edward Jennings
Tammy Jones
Beth Krappweis
Allison LePage
Tamika Little
Regina Meeks
Adam Newberry

Thomas Parisi
Cynthia Ramsay
Mary Salac
Beth Sherman
Jeannie Shiffer
Alison Watts
Leslie Welch

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Task Force

For modernizing the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and Airport Concession Disadvantaged Business Enterprise programs.

Federal Aviation Administration

Nancy Cibic
Sonia Cruz
Marcus England

Nicholas Giles
Alexander Horton
Elizabeth Newman

Gene Roth
Dolores Spriggs

Federal Highway Administration

David Chandler
James Esselman

Janelle Hinton
Martha Kenley

Christine Thorkildsen

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION AWARD

Federal Railroad Administration

John Peternel

Federal Transit Administration

Guljed Birce

Kimberly Eaton

Monica McCallum

Scott Pichon

Scheryl Portee

Heather Ueyama

Office of the Secretary

Lakwame Anyane-Yebo

Samuel Brooks

Christopher Cialeo

Barbara Dougherty

Aarathi Haig

Jill Laptosky

Kendall Mahavier

Marc Pentino

Sarah Plotnick

Babette Salmon

Catherine Taylor

Equitable Aviation Access to Small and Rural Communities Team

For successfully promoting and advancing opportunities for equitable aviation access to small and rural communities.

Federal Aviation Administration

Dorothy Holmes

Thane Peters

Office of the Secretary

Keena Arline

Cindy Baraban

Angelea Beach

Terence Carlson

Brooke Chapman

Audrey Clarke

Michael Clarke

Vincent Corsaro

Lynn Deavers

Michelle Dickerson

Scott Faulk

Paul Geier

Matthew Ginsburg

Michael Gormas

Tonya Gross

Camellia Hemsley

Christopher Hillers

Jason Horner

Lisa Hough

Hector Huezo

Lorenzo Jones

Jennifer Jones-Everett

Randall Keizer

Pamela Lynch

Britaney Manning

Michael Martin

Albert Muldoon

Jeffrey Page

Venkatesh Paluvai

Mark Raggio

Deborah Roberts

Kevin Schlemmer

Jermeka Scott

Barbara Snoden

Ryan Steinbach

Lisa Swafford-Brooks

Joel Szabat

Gary Tharaldson

Shabu Thomas

Carla Turner Contee

Jerish Varghese

Laura Wainwright

Olivia Walker-Chaffin

PARTNERING FOR EXCELLENCE AWARD

This award recognizes intermodal teams/groups who have used the Partnership for Excellence model to further ONE DOT activities supporting one or more of the Department's Strategic Plan goals.

DOT Afghanistan Response and Evacuation Team

For response efforts ensuring the safety of civil aviation during the September 2021 withdrawal of U.S. and Coalition Forces from Afghanistan.

Federal Aviation Administration

John Anderson

Daniel Blum

David Burkholder

Jervin Carter

Cassandra Cutter

John Dermody

Michelle Faig

Michelle Ferritto

Kerry Fleming

Angela Harris-Clark

Gregory Herbert

Patricia Hiatt

Christy Hickey

Ryan Keenley

Justin Kinney

Thomas Kopp

Thomas Littleton

Mary Jo Marzinik

Mary Mason

Jack McGill

Sara Mikolop

Gary Miller

Stephen Moates

William Muldoon

Leesa Papier

Lorelei Peter

William Petrak

Alexandra Randazzo

Russell Reil

Jacqueline Serrao

Kimberly Sievers

Angela Stubblefield

Robert Sweet

Chad Timm

Nicholas Torgerson

Linda Ubokudom

Chad Whitman

Office of the Secretary

Robert Finamore

Kirsten Gatlin

Benjamin Taylor

STB Proceedings Working Group

For exemplary teamwork reaching safety and passenger service accommodations during complex mergers and historical STB proceedings.

Federal Railroad Administration

Michael Johnson

James Mecone

Peter Schwartz

Charles King

Stephen O'Connor

Patricia Sun

Office of the Secretary

Christopher Perry

Darren Timothy

Fraud Prevention Outreach Team

For developing an innovative outreach strategy to prevent illegal actions and misuse of federal funds.

Federal Railroad Administration

Kelley Brookins

Kathryn Loster

Office of Inspector General

Andrea Kropf

PARTNERING FOR EXCELLENCE AWARD

EMBARC Team

For creating the Every Mariner Builds a Respectful Culture Program to strengthen safety at sea.

Maritime Administration

Ashley Amano

Kristen Amarosa

John Ballard

Gabriel Chavez

Joseph Click

Jill Davenport

Peter Feild

Jennifer Ferreira

Paul Gilmour

Douglas Harrington

Ann Herchenrider

Thomas Hudson, Jr.

Ian Jones

Ryan Kabacinski

Kevin Kohlmann

Illene Kreitzer

Shashi Kumar

Laila Linares

Mary McAllaster

Bernard McShane

Aaron Meyers

Samantha Oakes

Jennifer Pralgo

Angela Stroschein

Daron Threet

Kevin Tokarski

Christopher Wahler

Office of the Secretary

Judith Kaleta

Joel Szabat

Conference of the Parties Team

For outstanding planning and execution of the U.S. Transportation objectives for the Conference of the Parties climate meetings.

Federal Aviation Administration

Nathan Brown

James Hileman

Alan Mitchell

Daniel Williams

Maritime Administration

Alyson Azzara

Office of the Secretary

Julie Abraham

Maha Alkhateeb

Edmundo Carazo

Andrew Dushkes

Shelia Helton-Ingram

Jason Hill

Heather Holsinger

Joseph Landart

Wendy Liberante

April Marchese

Ryan Steinbach

Morvarid Zolghadr

Human Resource Council Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Team

For recruitment and hiring leadership in support of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law/Investment in Infrastructure Jobs Act.

Federal Aviation Administration

Angelia G. Neal

Federal Highway Administration

Maisha Foskey

Jason Nelson

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Karen Atcherson

Federal Railroad Administration

Michael Dosland

Maritime Administration

Loren Kargbo

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Joi Brown

Office of the Secretary

Anne Audet

Susan Schwartz

George Roundtree

DeShawn Shepard

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Linwood Smith, Jr.

PARTNERING FOR EXCELLENCE AWARD

Supply Chain Indicators Team

For outstanding inter-Departmental collaboration advancing the understanding of factors contributing to supply chain disruption.

Federal Highway Administration

Caitlin Hughes

Tianjia Tang

Gangpeng Patrick Zhang

Jeffrey Purdy

David Winter

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Olu Ajayi

Thomas Keane

Federal Railroad Administration

Kwabena Adu-kyeremateng

Michael Johnson

Stephen O'Connor

Maritime Administration

Kristen Lientz

Alexis Reyes

Douglas McDonald

Thomas Scheinblum

Office of the Secretary

Julie Edmonds

Mindy Liu

Julianne Schwarzer

Patricia Hu

Kenneth Notis

April Taylor

Procurement Management Review Program Team

For excellence transforming the Department of Transportation's Procurement Management Review Program.

Federal Aviation Administration

Keith Davis

Federal Highway Administration

Angy Liljedahl

PARTNERING FOR EXCELLENCE AWARD

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Steve Fuller

Maritime Administration

John Desch

Kelly Mitchell-Carroll

Office of the Secretary

James Ingram

Catherine Jones

Jennifer Johnson

LaWanda Morton-Chunn

Cyber Security Operations Team

For organizational excellence in reducing enterprise cyber risks by leading the Log4J Vulnerability remediation.

Federal Aviation Administration

Paul Hubble III

Lori Sparks

Craig Sorrentino

Cecil Bryan Wolf

Federal Highway Administration

Dante Winslow

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Pamela Gosier-Abner

Pavan Pidugu

Federal Railroad Administration

Elizabeth Varghese

Federal Transit Administration

Troy Rogers

Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation

Christopher Phillips

PARTNERING FOR EXCELLENCE AWARD

Maritime Administration

Georgia Michelle Nuessle

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

William Berry

Office of the Secretary

Phillip Addison

Munsok Chong

Austin Clark

Kerry Clemons

Terrance King

Michael Lau

Kofi Nkrumah

Andrew Orndorff

Ross Perry

Zack Rich

Michael Shivik

Marcus Williamson

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Justin Ubert

Gas Gathering Rulemaking and Litigation Team

For outstanding contributions in developing and defending Gas Gathering rulemaking, extending regulatory oversight to over 400,000 miles of pipelines.

Office of the Secretary

Sean Ford

Paula Lee

Nicole Smith

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Nathan Cole

Benjamin Fred

John Gale

Joseph Hainline

Jeremy Henowitz

Damon Hill

Darius Kirkwood

Chris McLaren

Steven Nanney

Sayler Palabrica

Ronald Rauniker

Robert Ross

Amelia Samaras

TEAM AWARD

This award recognizes groups whose performance exemplifies teamwork and whose efforts contribute significantly to the accomplishment of the mission and goals of the Department.

Alaska Safety Initiative Team

For excellence in teamwork, creativity, and innovation with dedication to the Department, the Agency, and customer needs.

Federal Aviation Administration

Justin Biassou

Clark Desing

Karen Gattis

Jacqueline Holzman

Howard Martin, Jr.

Kristi Warden

Sheri Williamson

BIL Implementation Team

For the efficient and effective implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Programs in the Office of Airports.

Federal Aviation Administration

John Bauer

Jesse Carriger

Desiree Davis

Jessie DiGregory

Steven Engebrecht

Jasmine Evains

Robin Hunt

TEAM AWARD

South-Central Florida Metroplex Team

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