

## Conference Awards

Congratulations to Ken Wernick, Senior Ethics Counsel for the Environmental Protection Agency, for receiving the 2004 Distinguished Service Award at OGE's annual ethics conference held March 1-4 in New York City. Ken has extensive ethics experience, managing the ethics program at the Naval Sea Systems Command, the Department of the Navy headquarters from 1994 through May 2001, and at EPA since then. Ken has won OGE's Outstanding Ethics Program Award at both the Navy and EPA, and is often seen presenting workshops at OGE's conferences. Ken is the seventh winner of this award which is presented annually to an ethics official who has demonstrated outstanding service to the executive branch ethics program over a number of years.

Based on OGE's reviews of agency ethics programs during the last year, the following departments and agencies were presented with Outstanding Ethics Program Awards for 2004:

1. Indian Health Service (Department of Health and Human Services)
2. Office of the Attorney General (Department of Justice)
3. Civil Division (Department of Justice)
4. Environment and Natural Resources Division (Department of Justice)
5. Federal Maritime Commission
6. Corporation for National and Community Service
7. National Credit Union Administration
8. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
9. Environmental Protection Agency
10. Office of the Secretary of Defense
11. United States Army - Fort Huachuca
12. Headquarters, United States Air Force

Congratulations to the ethics officials at these agencies for their hard work in managing excellent ethics programs.