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The Puerto Rico Economic Development Team

For ensuring equitable access to comprehensive, consistent measures of Puerto Rico's economic activity, informing policy and economic development.

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SILVER MEDAL – CUSTOMER SERVICE

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Carlos Monroy

For providing key technical analysis leading to coordinated plurilateral export controls on advanced semiconductor manufacturing tools.



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The BUST Divestment Team

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GOLD MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

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SILVER MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

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For preventing the re-export of equipment to Russia because of its potential application in nuclear proliferation and defense programs.



U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

GOLD MEDAL – LEADERSHIP

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U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

GOLD MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

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U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

GOLD MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

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U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

GOLD MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

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U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

GOLD MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

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U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

GOLD MEDAL – CUSTOMER SERVICE

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SILVER MEDAL – LEADERSHIP

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SILVER MEDAL – LEADERSHIP

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SILVER MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

GOLD MEDAL – LEADERSHIP

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

SILVER MEDAL – LEADERSHIP

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

SILVER MEDAL – LEADERSHIP

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

SILVER MEDAL – LEADERSHIP

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For exceptional leadership in the successful roll-out and initial analysis of the innovative and impactful Non-Infrastructure Metrics System (NIMS).



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

SILVER MEDAL – LEADERSHIP

The Economic Recovery Support Function (ESRF) Team

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

SILVER MEDAL – CUSTOMER SERVICE

The Tribal Engagement Team

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION

GOLD MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

The Russia Economic Analysis Team

For professional excellence in analyzing Russia's highly complex economy and eligibility for market-economy status for U.S. antidumping law purposes.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION

GOLD MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION

GOLD MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION

GOLD MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION

GOLD MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION

GOLD MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION

GOLD MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

The Canadian F-35 Team

For successful advocacy for the selection of Lockheed Martin as the official supplier of 88 stealth fighter jets to the Government of Canada.

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GOLD MEDAL – HEROISM

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION

SILVER MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

Shannon Coe

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– a mechanism the advances the global privacy landscape.



INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION

SILVER MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION

SILVER MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

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For advancing the Department's DEIA objectives through the first-ever minority business focused trade mission to Italy, Spain and Portugal.



INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION

SILVER MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

The 2022 National Travel and Tourism Strategy Team

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION

SILVER MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION

SILVER MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

The Advanced Manufacturing Business Development Mission Team

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GOLD MEDAL – LEADERSHIP

The Public Safety Communications Research Division

For developing and executing a \$300M research and development (R&D) program to enable the advancement of public safety communications technology.



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GOLD MEDAL – LEADERSHIP

James Whetstone, PhD

For the development of the NIST Urban Testbeds Program to determine the impact of greenhouse gas emissions on climate change and to mitigate their impact.



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GOLD MEDAL – LEADERSHIP

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For extraordinary national leadership in improving the scientific quality of forensic science practices through standards development.

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GOLD MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

The iEdison System Team

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GOLD MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

The Advanced Measurement Tools and AI Strategies Team

For developing an advanced suite of tools used to characterize a first-of-its-kind tissue-engineered product for the treatment of macular degeneration.

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GOLD MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

The Monkeypox Diagnostic Testing Team

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GOLD MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

The AI-Enhanced Materials Analysis Platform Team

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GOLD MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

The Serial Cytometry Team

For the invention of serial cytometry, a revolutionary technology for cancer diagnostics and therapeutic evaluation.

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GOLD MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

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GOLD MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

The Chip-Scale Sensors Team

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GOLD MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

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For improving Law Enforcement, DHS, and Border Patrol's operations by identifying over 1,000 errors in biometric data exchange standards.



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SILVER MEDAL – LEADERSHIP

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For outstanding leadership in ensuring NIST's programmatic and legislative priorities were included in the final CHIPS + Science Act.

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SILVER MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

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For the development of a first-of-its-kind biologically stable water quality standard that modernizes recreational water surveillance and ensures public safety.

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SILVER MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

The U.S. First Responders' Communication Technology Team

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SILVER MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

The Optomechanical Sensing Platform Team

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NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

GOLD MEDAL – LEADERSHIP

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NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

GOLD MEDAL – LEADERSHIP

**The NOAA National Center for Coastal Ocean Science Marine Spatial Ecology Division,
The NOAA Southeast Fisheries Science Center Offshore Wind Team, and
The NOAA Southeast Regional Office Offshore Wind Team**

For rapid development of GOM marine spatial planning that advances the President's offshore wind energy priority and notably reduces costs to industry and Government.



NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

GOLD MEDAL – LEADERSHIP

The Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion Restoration Plan Team

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NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

GOLD MEDAL – LEADERSHIP

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NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

GOLD MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

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The Corporate Services Acquisition Division, and
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For overcoming extensive challenges to acquire and implement NOAA's next-generation operational supercomputers on-time and with seamless continuity.



NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

GOLD MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHEIVEMENT

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NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

GOLD MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHEIVEMENT

**The National Severe Storms Laboratory, Forecast Research and Development Division,
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The National Weather Service Science & Operations Officers**

For scientific and engineering excellence in developing a revolutionary prediction tool that provides short-term probabilistic thunderstorm guidance.



NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

GOLD MEDAL – CUSTOMER SERVICE

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NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

GOLD MEDAL – CUSTOMER SERVICE

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NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

GOLD MEDAL – HEROISM

NOAA Ship Ronald H. Brown

For responding to a disabled vessel in distress over 700 miles from land and evacuating three personnel on November 28, 2022.



NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

GOLD MEDAL – HEROISM

NOAA Ship Thomas Jefferson

For extraordinary rescue of three fishermen from a sinking small boat caught in a storm seven nautical miles off the coast of Cleveland, OH.



NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

GOLD MEDAL – HEROISM

NOAA Ship Oregon II

For heroically assisting a vessel in distress that was without power and taking on water, resulting in full dewatering and restoring of vessel power.



NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

SILVER MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

The Uncrewed Aerial System (UAS) Team

For the first deployment of a fully autonomous system for the measurement of vertical profiles of aerosol, cloud, and meteorological properties.

- Patricia Quinn
- Derek Coffman
- Janet Intrieri
- CAPT Phillip Hall
- Mark Rogers
- LT Nicole Chappelle
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NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

SILVER MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

Volcanic Impact Measurement Team

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- Dr. Bryan Johnson
- Dr. Gary Morris
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NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

SILVER MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

The United States River Chemistry Dataset Team

For developing the first U.S. river chemistry dataset for regional ocean biogeochemical modeling and carbon chemistry studies in U.S. coastal regions.

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NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

SILVER MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

The Hydrographic Survey Team

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NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

SILVER MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

The Wildfire Smoke Transport Team

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NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

SILVER MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

The AI Regional Climate Variability Team

For using artificial intelligence to improve accuracy and understanding of regional climate variability in NOAA's global surface temperature product.

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NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

SILVER MEDAL – ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The NOAA – Tribal and Indigenous Peoples Consultation Team

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- Heather Sagar
- Brooke Carney
- Wendy Marie Thomas
- Lauren Wenzel
- Douglas Kluck
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