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## **SEA Announces 2024 Award Program Winners**

**WASHINGTON, DC**—Today the Senior Executives Association (SEA) – representing the interests of over 10,000 career federal government executives in the Senior Executive Service (SES), Senior Level (SL), Scientific and Professional (ST) and equivalent positions – released the following statement announcing the 2024 Senior Executives Association Annual Awards:

**“The Senior Executives Association Annual Awards recognize career federal executives whose commitment and achievements demonstrate the hallmarks of exemplary service to the nation. This year’s awardees have been recognized by their agencies and peers alike for their sustained excellence and results delivered for the American people. The Senior Executives Association is committed to sharing these stories with the public and celebrating public service excellence,”** said SEA President Marcus Hill.

**“The SEA Awards Selection Panel, comprised of elected Board members and member volunteers, reviewed many exceptional nominees. I was pleased to see more agencies submitting SEAAA nominations for deserving executives, which made the Selection Panel’s work this year even more challenging. This year’s award winners represent models of public service leadership,”** said SEA Awards Committee Chair Neil Doherty.

The 2024 Senior Executives Association Annual Awards program focused on the following award categories. The association is pleased to announce the awardees in each category:

### **Senior Executive/Professional of the Year Award**

**Michal Rottman**

Assistant Administrator  
Transportation Security Administration  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

### **Senior Executive/Professional Lifetime Achievement Award**

**William Schoonover**

Associate Administrator  
Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation

### **Spirit of Excellence in Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility Award**

**Dr. Steven Lieberman**

Deputy Under Secretary for Health

Veterans Health Administration  
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Recipients of the 2024 SEAAA will be recognized at the [2025 Senior Executive Leadership Summit: The Journey of Leadership](#) taking place in Washington, D.C. in February 2025.

The SEAAA will continue to recognize federal employees (SES, SL/ST, and equivalents) whose achievements embody SEA's mission-driven expectations of meritorious federal executive/professional service to the United States. Moreover, the program will recognize exemplary executive leadership and outstanding professional performance on major projects with department/agency-wide impact that clearly exceeds expectations.

More information about the 2025 SEAAA, to include the 2025 announcement for next year's awards, program details and submission/timeline requirements for government-wide departments and agencies, will be released soon.

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