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**Senior Executives Association 2025 Awards Program Honorees**

Today the Senior Executives Association (SEA) – representing the interests of career federal government executives in the Senior Executive Service, Senior Level, Scientific and Professional and equivalent positions as well as rising and aspiring ones – released the following statement announcing the 2025 SEA Awards Program honorees:

“The annual SEA Awards Program honors career federal executives whose significant commitment to public service and exemplary achievements in that pursuit demonstrate the very best in service to the United States of America. This year’s honorees have been nominated by their agencies, having been acknowledged by their leaders, peers and subordinates for sustained excellence and results delivered to their agencies in service the American people. SEA is elated to showcase these individuals, share their stories and honor their service,” said SEA President Marcus Hill.

SEA is proud to recognize these deserving federal senior executives for their exceptional leadership, dedication, and unwavering commitment to public service. Their service to our country strengthens our institutions, advances the public good, and leaves a lasting impact on the nation,” stated SEA Awards Committee Chair Neil Doherty.

The 2025 SEA Awards Program focused on the following award categories, and the association is pleased to announce the awardees in each:

**Outstanding Senior Executive/Professional of the Year**

**Robert Cunningham**

Executive Director

Office of Information Technology

US Department of Veterans Affairs

**Senior Executive/Professional Lifetime Achievement**

**James Durant**

Chief Counsel

Office of Science

US Department of Energy

The honorees will be recognized at the 2026 SEA Leadership Summit scheduled for April 7-8, 2026, in the Washington D.C. area.

**About the Senior Executives Association**

The Senior Executives Association (SEA) is a professional association representing Senior Executive Service members and other career federal executives. Founded in 1980, SEA's goals are to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and productivity of the federal government; to advance the professionalism and advocate the interests of career federal executives; and to enhance public recognition of their contributions. For more information, visit [www.seniorexecs.org](http://www.seniorexecs.org).

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