

# **Citation**

to accompany the award of the  
**Secretary of Defense Medal  
for Meritorious Civilian Service**  
to  
**Francis E. Reardon**

*Mr. Francis E. Reardon is recognized for meritorious civilian service as the Department of Defense Acting Principal Deputy Inspector General and Deputy Inspector General for Auditing, from June 2003 to February 2006. Mr. Reardon exemplified selfless dedication and extraordinary competence with an independent and balanced approach to combating waste, fraud, and abuse within the Department of Defense that also fostered increased public confidence and the trust of the American people. He instituted operational and personnel changes that significantly enhanced the Office of the Inspector General's effectiveness within the Department of Defense and the Federal Government. Senior leaders throughout the Department, Members of Congress, and other senior government officials sought Mr. Reardon's counsel when making critical decisions pertaining to Department of Defense programs and operations. The distinctive accomplishments of Mr. Reardon reflect great credit upon himself, the Office of the Inspector General, and the Department of Defense.*