



## **OGE'S EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION AWARDS - 2010 WINNER'S CIRCLE FACT SHEET**

### **Social Security Administration (SSA)**

#### **DESCRIPTION**

SSA provided in-person, instructor-led initial ethics orientations to 9,000 new employees. At headquarters alone, 52 training sessions were held and over 5,000 new employees were trained. In addition, SSA targeted the unique needs of its new employees by creating two separate orientations--one for new administrative law judges and one for all other new employees.

#### **PURPOSE**

Undertaking live training provided a sound ethical foundation for employees as they enter the agency and sent a clear message of the importance SSA places on an ethical culture. The agency's motto is "Think Ethically!"

#### **PRODUCT ADAPTABILITY**

This initiative can be undertaken by any department or agency.

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