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Tara Rodas is a trusted leader and world-class training professional. She has been a public servant for 20 years, 17 of which have been dedicated to serving the Federal Inspector General (IG) community. Tara has demonstrated excellence in designing and delivering strategic learning engagements. Tara has an extensive background in adult learning principles, communication strategies, and facilitative methods. She's a facilitator, trainer, and public speaker. On 11/16/2022, Tara gave a "TedTalk-Like" leadership presentation for CIGIE's Annual Leadership Forum: Future Ready-Leading Change. The full program can be viewed at Gearing Up 2022.

Tara has a master's degree in Education with a concentration in Instructional Technology and is a graduate of the American University Key Executive Leadership Program. Her certifications include: Professional Behavioral Analyst (TTI Success Insights-DiSC); Agile Leader (Six Sigma Global Institute); QuestionThinker & QStorming Practitioner (Inquiry Institute); Human-Centered Design Practitioner (LUMA Institute); Instructor/Facilitator (FranklinCovey & Dale Carnegie); Virtual Facilitator (FranklinCovey & InSync); and 5 Moments of Need Designer (ApplySynergies).

Currently, Tara serves the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE) as a Program Manager and Learning Producer in the Leadership & Mission Support Academy where she designs and delivers learning engagements (virtual & in-person) for the IG community. She serves on the CIGIE Fellows Management Team, the CIGIE Mentoring Program Pilot Team, and the Leadership Forum Planning Team. Mrs. Rodas facilitates offsite planning meetings for the CIGIE Executive Council and serves as the lead facilitator for the IG Annual Offsites. As per request, she facilitates all-hands offsites, executive staff meetings, and specialized learning engagements for OIGs throughout the community. She also launched the new CIGIE/FranklinCovey Facilitator Team.

Prior to joining CIGIE in 2015, Tara was a Professional Development Specialist at the United States Postal Service (USPS) Office of Inspector General (OIG) where she served in the Office of the Deputy Inspector General on the Learning & Knowledge Management Team. Prior to joining USPS in 2003, Mrs. Rodas was a federal contractor. She worked at USPS HQ in Statistical Programs and worked as a Training Specialist at the United States Department of Justice where she designed and delivered performance-driven training for the Office of Justice Programs.

In 2021, Tara answered the humanitarian call from OPM to support the US Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) urgent efforts to care for and place children entering the US via the southern border with sponsors in the US. While serving on detail with HHS' Unaccompanied Children (UC) Program, she distinguished herself as a Subject Matter Expert on "red flags" for sponsor fraud and child trafficking. As a result, she was appointed as the Deputy Director of the Federal Case Management Team at the Pomona Fairplex Emergency Intake Site (EIS) in Pomona, California. Her efforts directly contributed to children being released to safe sponsors in the US or referred to HHS' Office on Trafficking in Persons (OTIP), HHS OIG, and other Federal Law Enforcement.

On a personal note, Tara is a Freedom Partner with the International Justice Mission and in December of 2022 she graduated with a Master of Biblical and Theological Studies from Dallas Theological Seminary. She serves the global learning community by participating in the Association for Talent Development (ATD) Forum and facilitating learning events at ATD's International Conferences & EXPO - the world's largest event for talent development and learning professionals. Tara lives in Virginia with her husband, Jorge Rodas.