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Agency recognized fifth straight year

They were voted best place to work in the government – and they are hiring.

For the fifth year in a row, the Army Audit Agency has placed in the top rankings in the annual Best Places to Work in Federal Government rankings by the Partnership for Public Service, an unprecedented achievement, according to the partnership.

“It is always an honor to be recognized,” said Bret Mullinix, field office manager of the Army Audit Agency, Huntsville field office. “When you think about the climate in the past few years with all of the reductions and cutbacks and sequestration, we are obviously very happy to be mentioned on that list. I think that is also a testament to our people and the quality of our professionals.”

After a year that included organizational restructuring and the closing of some field offices, the Huntsville field office is actually growing and looking to add to their team. Unlike many auditors, Army auditors have the opportunity to travel across the world to interesting and sometimes exotic locations to fulfill the mission. And they take pride in not just pointing out problems but working as a team to find solutions.

“I love for one the variety of work we do and the impact that we can make,” auditor in charge Barbara DeLuca said. “We get to see the Army as a whole – from the lowest level to the highest level – and to interact with everyone across the board. And then get to see our recommendations and the work we do impact the Soldiers in the field.”

While only numbering around 55 to 60 employees in Huntsville, their small numbers might be part of the reason for their close-knit camaraderie. Speaking to the auditors at the field office, they are quick to agree that their co-workers are more than just associates, but also friends. For instance, auditor and bride-to-be Elizabeth Lawrence selected co-worker Ronajae Habig as matron of honor in her wedding.

“This organization feels like a family,” Lawrence said. “We look out for one another and we communicate with one another. You feel empowered to speak. Your opinion matters.”

A supportive environment, upward mobility and a strong sense of purpose are all hallmarks of a successful organization. And they are reasons given by the team members on why they enjoy being at work.

“The sincere belief across the workforce is that the work we do is important,” Mullinix said. “We take our public trust and our public duty seriously.”

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