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## Registration is open for the Education and Training Summit, May 22-24, 2019

**Delegates, Sponsors and Exhibitors** - [Click here](#) to register for the 2019 Education and Training Summit. This event merges traditional class-room style presentations with participatory training workshops on topics important to the industry. The program has been developed by the FAC Facilities, Operations, Security, Training and IT committees and focuses on topics and issues these specialties have identified as important hot topics in Florida.

### FAC Education and Training Summit

Omni Orlando Resort | ChampionsGate  
May 22-24, 2019

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**Support the FAC Education Foundation** - Come join us for our Annual FAC Education Foundation Golf Tournament on Tuesday, May 21, 2019. All proceeds benefit the Florida Airports Council Education Foundation, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation.



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- ◆ Two Closest to the Pin
- ◆ Fastest Hole

**Cost:** \$70 per player

**Registration Deadline:** Friday, May 10, 2019

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Since 1990, FAC's Education Foundation has provided scholarships for full-time undergraduate and graduate students who are attending one of the Council's Member Educational Institutions and pursuing degrees in an aviation field. The Foundation also provides internships to member-airports as an incentive to give students work experience along with their education.

All proceeds will benefit the Florida Airports Council Education Foundation, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation. Sponsorship does not include player registration.

*We need your help!*

*We want to reach as many of our FAC Past Presidents as possible so that they may join us at the banquet taking place in their honor during the 50th Anniversary*

*Conference and Exposition.*

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Mack Lazenby	Titusville	1993
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Al McDill	Sarasota-Bradenton	1988
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Richard Smith	Jacksonville	1983
Robert B Wightman, Jr.	Naples	1978
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**VIP**

DATES TO REMEMBER		( New ← )
	Location and Links	Date
<b>WEBINAR</b> New FAA Advisory Circular Updates ACs: 150/5200-38 - 5200-36B - 5200-33C & FAA Nat'l Wildlife Strike Database Serial Report #25	Click <a href="#">here</a> for additional information Click <a href="#">here</a> to register	<b>March 26, 2019</b> 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. EST
<b>Award for Excellence in Airport Operations</b>	Click <a href="#">here</a> for additional information and to submit a nomination	Submission Deadline: <b>April 15, 2019</b> ←
<b>Education and Training Summit</b>	<b>Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate</b> 1500 Masters Blvd., Championsgate, FL 33896 Click <a href="#">here</a> to access the registration brochure	<b>May 22-24, 2019</b>
<b>J. Bryan Cooper Award Submissions</b>	Click <a href="#">here</a> for more information or visit the Environmental Committee's web page	Submission Deadline: <b>June 7, 2019</b> ←
<b>2019 FAC 50th Anniversary Conference &amp; Exposition</b>	<b>Ft Lauderdale Marriott Harbor Beach Resort &amp; Spa</b> <i>Registration information to be posted soon</i>	<b>August 4-7, 2019</b>

Please email [lisa@floridaairports.org](mailto:lisa@floridaairports.org) with calendar updates.

## AROUND THE STATE

### Piper aircraft deliveries increase by nearly 50% – highest level in ten years (Source: State Aviation Journal)

Piper Aircraft, Inc. has announced a 48% increase in aircraft deliveries for 2018 as well as a 38% increase in total aircraft billings. Piper's segment leading growth was distributed across both primary product lines, Trainer and M-Class aircraft.



Global Piper trainer demand increased more than 50% YOY. Sales of the robust single engine Archer grew by nearly 50% YOY, while twin-engine Seminole deliveries rose 117%. Additionally, sales of Piper's M-Class products, which include the M350, M500 and the M600, expanded by 36%, driving Piper's total 2018 aircraft billings to \$263M, up by more than \$71M vs 2017. International deliveries of Piper products showed growth of 12%, with an increase in M-Class deliveries to Brazil being a primary factor.

In addition to Piper's sales success, during 2018 Piper Aircraft announced the certification of G1000 NXi in the Seneca, M350 and M500s, the appointment of three new Piper dealers and the largest trainer order in company history. The continued rise in demand for Piper trainers drove order backlog to nearly 700 aircraft entering 2019 and **had a positive Vero Beach community impact with a 14% employment increase to 1,000 plus total.**

"2018 was an exceptional year for Piper Aircraft as we continued to deliver a measurable impact for customers, and our employees. Together with our world-class Dealer Partners the results reflect our unrelenting commitment to serving customers with quality and distinction," said Simon Caldecott, President and Chief Executive Officer at Piper Aircraft. "Over the past year, we have increased strategic investments in our facilities and products to better position Piper Aircraft to support the growing but stable demand for our diverse product lines. We also have expanded our efforts and investments to drive innovation while achieving strong financial results."

### Drones helping keep infrastructure safe (Source: TheTrucker.com)

It wasn't too long ago that drones, flying cars and self-driving vehicles were topics more in synch with science fiction plotlines, not transportation reality. But that's changing rapidly. Take drones as but one example. Right now, there are 10 active drone pilot programs under the guidance of the US Department of Transportation; a three-year test effort the agency that is expected to help USDOT better regulate and integrate drones safely into the nation's airspace.

Three of the 10 awards are directly to state departments of transportation: the North Carolina DOT; the North Dakota DOT; and the Kansas DOT. The Tennessee and Alaska DOT and Public Facilities are partners to two other awardees, Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority and the University of Alaska-Fairbanks, respectively.

What these state departments know is that shrinking resources and growing demands on the transportation system require new ways of addressing challenges to reduce

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costs, improve efficiency and increase safety. A study conducted by NCDOT found three drones could conduct highway crash reconstruction efforts in just 25 minutes versus the two hours required by a ground-based crew or workers, saving \$9,300 in the process.

State DOTs are using drones to inspect bridges, roads, and other infrastructure as a way to reduce the risk posed to human life by such work.

The Minnesota DOT conducted an in-depth study of drone-use for bridge inspections three years ago and found not only did drones help reduce the dangers posed to personnel working at high off the ground and in traffic control situations, they saved money as well by eliminating the need to close off lanes and deploy aerial lifts to conduct inspections.

The Texas DOT sent drones into areas hit by Hurricane Harvey in 2017 ahead of their storm recovery crews – giving them, in the words of James Bass, TxDOT’s executive director, the “advantage to see what might be ahead of them a mile or two down the road.”

Those are but just some of the examples of how state DOTs are helping take the lead in integrating new technologies into the nation’s transportation system to make it safer, more efficient, and more flexible in the decades to come.

***Galvano’s Transportation Plan heading for a second hearing in the Senate but there’s no companion***

Florida Senate President Bill Galvano (R-21) is the driving force behind a new transportation plan coming up for another committee discussion in the Senate. The measure could face a bumpy road in the House.

Galvano says Florida’s population has grown and its infrastructure needs to keep pace.

“You know if we’re talking about 850 people a day, that’s a city a little larger than the size of Orlando every year coming on. And when I talk about infrastructure I’m not just talking about roadways. Multipurpose because you have to have the water availability, sewer, all these issues. We are challenged by our own success,” Galvano says.

Galvano wants to extend the Suncoast Parkway from the Tampa Bay area to the Georgia border and extend the Florida Turnpike west to connect with the Suncoast Parkway. He also

wants to build a roadway called the Heartland Parkway. The plan is to make the most of the construction by co-locating water, sewer, and internet services as well as bike lanes and foot paths. Galvano says that paves the way for some of the state’s more rural communities to grow. But that’s a concern for Sierra Club lobbyist David Cullen.

“We’re concerned about the opportunity costs of fragmenting the landscape, habitat, watershed features and the tremendous potential for sprawl. The interchanges and the intermingling of the roads with providing from the get-go water and sewer—that is a recipe for sprawl,” Cullen says.

And Cullen isn’t the only one with concerns. Governor Ron DeSantis has said he’s “very sensitive” to the idea of signing onto projects that could result in Floridians paying more tolls. Branden Republican Senator Tom Lee is ushering Galvano’s plan through the Senate Committee Process. He says the bill provides a funding stream for the proposed projects which includes using money from the state’s transportation trust fund--some of which has previously been directed to general revenue. But Lee admits the project does expand toll roads. He says he wishes there was another option. [Read more....](#)

***Florida revenue projections stable for next two years but looming slowdown clouds horizon***

*(Source: Watchdog.com)*

Florida state economists forecast stable revenues for the next two fiscal years but point to potential troubles in the longer term as uncertain national economic trends muddy projections.

The state’s Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) meets periodically to update revenues and financial data used by the Governor’s Office and the Legislature. Its four members represent the Governor’s Office, Senate, House and the Legislative Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR). The REC recently estimated lawmakers will have \$33.5 billion in general revenue during the 2020 fiscal budget year beginning July 1. That is \$7.4 million less than the REC last forecast in December.

EDR Coordinator Amy Baker, who leads the REC, said the revenues are expected to remain steady in the coming year because about \$200 million in unspent reserves will “roll over from the current year.”

“We’re going to add approximately \$200 million to this year,

and we're going to subtract approximately \$200 million from next year," from the revenue forecast, she said. "Which, for legislative purposes, means that they're essentially at zero – they're back to where they started from."

According to the REC's revised update, revenues are up by \$201 million this year but are projected to decline by \$208.7 million next year.

While rolling unspent reserves into the Fiscal Year 2020 budget helps planners for the next year or two, Baker said it is a one-shot deal and not a recurring source of revenue. "In that respect, [budget planners] are worse off, because you'd rather have recurring than nonrecurring," Baker said.

REC forecasters noted in the update that the national economic forecast has weakened since its December conference projections. In December, the REC said national economic forecasts were taking on a "U-shape" trend line with concerns about tariffs, the slowing global economy, Brexit, and uncertainty about US interest rates coalescing as storm clouds on the horizon. [Read more...](#)

### ***The world's busiest cruise ports – Three are in Florida!*** (Source: *Shiptechnology.com*)

Cruise passenger numbers are growing year on year with a variety of itineraries becoming available, including themed voyages. Many cruise passengers arrive via one of Florida's gateway airports.

#### **No. 1 PortMiami**

PortMiami is the busiest cruise port in the world, handling 5.6 million passengers with 1,185 ships docked in 2017. In December 2018, the port also saw its largest amount of passengers handled in a single day.



It is estimated that the port hosted 52,000 passengers on December 9th, with nine vessels from cruise lines such as Carnival, Royal Caribbean, Disney, and Norwegian docking at PortMiami.

The port is formally known as Dante B. Fascell Port of Miami and handles more than seven million tons of cargo annually. It facilitates the operations of cruise lines such as Royal Caribbean, Carnival, and Norwegian, as well as being the home port of the largest cruise ship by gross tonnage, Royal Caribbean's Symphony of the Seas.

In 2018, MSC Cruises and Virgin Voyages announced plans to open a terminal each at PortMiami. MSC Cruises' terminal is due to open in October 2022 and will house its new World Class cruise ships. Meanwhile, Virgin Voyages' terminal is scheduled to open in November 2021, having invested approximately \$150 million.

#### **No. 2 - Port Canaveral**

Port Canaveral in Brevard County, 45 miles east of Orlando, had 4.5 million cruise passengers in the 2017 fiscal year, making it the second busiest in the world. The port is a key logistics hub, handling approximately 5.4 million tons of cargo a year, including salt, vehicles, petroleum, and containers. On average, ten ships dock at the port every day, including vessels from cruise lines Carnival, Disney, Royal Caribbean, and Norwegian.

The port's Terminal 1 facility opened in December 2014 to facilitate Royal Caribbean's new Oasis-class ships. In 2015, the port became home to the Oasis of the Seas, which was one of the largest cruise ships in the world at the time.

Port Canaveral offers a variety of tourist attractions such as dining, beaches, excursions and the Exploration Tower landmark. The port is one of the biggest Foreign Trade Zones (FTZ) in the US at more than five square miles, offering a number of benefits for trade customers using the port to import goods.

#### **No. 4 - Port Everglades**

Port Everglades in Fort Lauderdale served more than 3.8 million cruise passengers in 2017. That year, 846 vessels docked at Port Everglades, which features nine terminals and is home to ten cruise lines, including Princess, Holland America, Celebrity, Royal Caribbean and Carnival. Peak travel season at the port is between November and April, although ships sail all year round.

In addition to being the fourth-busiest cruise port in the world, it is one of the busiest in the US in terms of cargo handled. More than one million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) are moved at the port each year. In 2017, the facility surpassed PortMiami by approximately 50,000 TEUs.

The port was the temporary home of the RMS Queen Elizabeth when the vessel was turned into a museum from 1968 to 1970 after it ended services. RMS Queen Mary 2 docked at Port Everglades following its maiden voyage in 2004.

**AROUND THE NATION**

*Not a frequent flyer - wondering what airlines are saying to their customers regarding the Boeing 737 MAX, see below*

A message from American Airlines - recently, the FAA temporarily grounded all Boeing 737 MAX aircraft, including the 24 MAX aircraft operated by American. We have complied with the directive, which does not apply to our fleet of Boeing 737-800 aircraft.

Teams throughout the airline have been working tirelessly to minimize the impact to you, our customers. We appreciate your patience and understanding with us during this busy travel period, and we apologize for the inconvenience this may cause.

American is working in close coordination with the DOT, FAA, NTSB and other regulatory authorities, in addition to our union leaders and Boeing, to closely monitor the accident investigation into the crash of Ethiopian Airlines flight 302. American regularly monitors aircraft performance and safety parameter data across our entire fleet, which is operated and maintained by our highly-experienced and well-trained team, contributing to American's exemplary safety record.

Whether you're traveling with us today, this week or this year, be assured the safety and security of our customers and team

members is always our top priority and we will never operate an unsafe aircraft. Thank you for your continued confidence in American and in our 130,000 team members.

Thank you for flying with us.

**Trump Administration unveils details of FY 2020 budget proposal**



The Trump Administration recently released additional details about its FY 2020 budget request, which once again seeks to eliminate the

TSA law enforcement officer (LEO) reimbursement program - a proposal that Congress has rejected in past years.

The administration last week outlined the broad contours of its FY 2020 budget proposal but waited until yesterday to release detailed programmatic funding levels. Overall, the budget request proposes to cut a total of \$2.7 trillion in spending over the next decade.

Once again, the budget proposal does not include any funding for the LEO reimbursement program. "This incentive is no longer necessary over 17 years after the September 11, 2001 attacks, as State and local jurisdictions have had plenty



***FAC seeks all photos and memories!***

Do you have any photos of FAC events or member recognition that we can include in the FAC Archives?

If so, please send them to [gina@floridaairports.org](mailto:gina@floridaairports.org)

with the subject "FAC Photos."



of time to adjust and reprioritize resources," the White House argued in supporting budget documents. Congress has ignored the administration's previous budget requests to zero out the LEO reimbursement program; lawmakers provided \$46.3 million in funding in the FY 2019 appropriations package passed earlier this year.

Congress is in recess this week, but the House and Senate Appropriations Committees will enter a busy stretch beginning next week with myriad hearings about the FY 2020 budget request for various federal agencies and programs.

### ***FAA proposes change to recreational drone notifications***

FAA last week took the first step to implement rules governing hobbyist and recreational drone use in controlled airspace near airports that were included in the agency's 2018 reauthorization law.

In a notice published in the Federal Register, the agency outlined its plan to require these drone pilots to use the Low Altitude Authorization and Notification Capability (LAANC) service or FAA's web portal to notify and obtain authorization from the agency.

This rule will eliminate the existing practice in which users notify airports directly when they fly within five miles of an airport. Until now, the agency has not signaled publicly how the new rules would be implemented.

As FAA seeks to implement the new process, AAE is largely focused on gaining airport access to LAANC data, enabling LAANC at airports with contract towers and ensuring that drone users are educated on obtaining authorizations.

### ***Airports need the Passenger Facility Charge*** (Source: RealClearPolicy.com)

Airports are a critical component of our global 21<sup>st</sup> century economy, providing a \$1.4 trillion economic impact and generating 11.5 million jobs, which is why we can no longer sit by and watch as billions of dollars in airport infrastructure needs go unmet.

According to a recent study, airports are facing more than \$128 billion dollars in unmet infrastructure needs over the next 10 years — the greatest need being terminal construction and expansion. *(According to ACI-NA Florida airport needs exceed \$7 Billion.)*

The primary method for funding airport infrastructure needs is through the passenger facility charge (PFC). The PFC was created by the federal government in 1992, and severely restricts airports ability to meet their infrastructure needs on their own. Making the situation worse, the federally imposed cap on the user fee has not been adjusted for inflation for 20 years.

As a result, airports are forced to turn to federal taxpayer subsidies or negotiate with airlines — who demand long-term exclusive gate deals in exchange for their support. These deals allow airlines to prevent competitors, particularly low-cost carriers, from servicing an airport. This crony capitalism allows airlines to keep ticket prices artificially high. Airlines win, but consumers and taxpayers lose.

Last Congress, Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR) and Rep. Thomas Massie (R-KY) introduced legislation that would get the government out of the airport business and allow airports to function as businesses by uncapping the federally mandated — and artificially low — user fee. Modernizing the PFC would put tens of thousands of Americans to work and allow airports to upgrade their facilities and improve their air service offerings — potentially bringing in new carriers that would increase competition among airlines and lower the costs of airfare to consumers.

Instead of having an honest debate about the infrastructure needs at our airports, the big airlines and their allies have spent millions of dollars trying to deceive the American people and government leaders about what the PFC is and what it does.

The airlines and their allies criticize the PFC as a tax. But there is just one little catch: it's not a tax. Marc Scribner, of the free market Competitive Enterprise Institute and one of the nation's foremost conservative experts on aviation, penned a scathing article, debunking efforts to call the modernization of the PFC a "tax increase." Scribner writes: *The federal cap on the PFC is a price control imposed on airports. When a government price ceiling like the PFC is raised or eliminated, that is not a price increase. It simply increases pricing freedom. The PFC is also not a tax; rather, it is a classic example of a user fee. The revenue collected goes directly to the charging airports and is dedicated in law for narrow airport facility improvements. It does not go to the federal treasury to be appropriated by politicians in Washington to programs unrelated to airport infrastructure.*

Indeed, anti-tax conservative groups like the Heritage Foundation, FreedomWorks, Citizens Against Government Waste and the Competitive Enterprise Institute have all supported efforts to lift the federal cap on the PFC. The truth is that the PFC isn't a tax and the airlines know it.

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## FAC MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

### Orlando International poised to become a top 10 airport

(Source: Orlando Business Journal)

Preliminary figures from Airports  GREATER ORLANDO AVIATION AUTHORITY

Council International show that the growing passenger traffic at Orlando International Airport — already the busiest airport in the state — should help it become one of the 10 busiest airports in the entire nation. Orlando International was the 11th-busiest airport in 2017.

The jump into the top 10 comes as MCO continues to experience monthly record-breaking traffic. Most recently, in January, passenger traffic increased by 5.4 percent overall, led by a nearly 16.5 percent increase in international travelers. "We begin 2019 with a prestigious new standing for Orlando International in the aviation industry. For the first time ever, we are a top 10 American airport," said Greater GOAA CEO Phil Brown.

The busiest airports for 2018 (by number of passengers) include:	
⇒ Atlanta:	107,397,029
⇒ Los Angeles:	87,534,384
⇒ Chicago:	85,000,000
⇒ Dallas/Fort Worth:	69,112,607
⇒ Denver:	64,494,613
⇒ New York/JFK:	61,909,148
⇒ San Francisco:	57,793,313
⇒ Seattle:	49,849,520
⇒ <b>Orlando:</b>	<b>47,696,627</b>

On a rolling 12-month basis, in January, MCO stands at 47.9 million annual passengers, which places the airport on track to potentially break the 50 million traveler mark later this year. MCO generates more than \$31 billion in revenue for the regional economy.

### PGD announces 'Flybrary'

(Source: FloridaWeekly.com)



Passengers flying through Punta Gorda Airport can now take, borrow or trade a book for free at the Bailey Terminal near baggage claim. The PGD Flybrary partnership with the Charlotte County Library System is intended to promote literacy, reduce flight anxiety and help create a positive travel experience.

"Flying is the perfect time to settle into a good book," said Charlotte County Airport Authority Commissioner Kathleen Coppola. "Thanks to the new PGD Flybrary, a good book won't be hard to find."

The PGD Flybrary is a 20-foot space in the hallway adjacent to baggage claim with 14 shelves of reading material and a backdrop of blue skies, white clouds and inspirational quotes. Signage encourages airport visitors to take a book to borrow for their travels, trade a book or leave one for others to enjoy. There are no fees and visitors are under no obligation to return the books.

"We developed the Flybrary based on the 'Little Free Library' concept but creatively modified it to have a lofty aviation theme, be indoors and be large enough to accommodate the growing number of passengers travelling through Punta Gorda Airport," said PGD's Marketing & Communications Manager Kaley Miller.

In early 2018, LeAnn Beckwith, librarian supervisor for the Punta Gorda branch of the Charlotte County Library System, first proposed the idea of an airport book exchange or Little Free Library where passengers could pick up some reading materials to take on their flights.

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### Gainesville airport cake wins award

(Source: The Gainesville Sun)

The cake made to commemorate American Airlines' inaugural flight from Dallas/Fort Worth to the Gainesville Regional Airport won a pretty sweet award.

The three-tiered cake, "GNV, DFW and the World!" won a Cake of the Week award from the Airport Network News and Analysis (ANNA) Areo, website focused on airline news. Maria Rizzo of Sugar, Refined in Newberry made the cake.

The cake's top tier, which represented Gainesville's airport, sported the University of Florida's "Gators" in scripted font, palm-sized fondant alligators, and a miniature Beamer, the airport's bomb-sniffing dog, lying next to an American Airlines ERJ-145 floating on a cloud. Beamer is named for Todd Beamer from United Airlines Flight 93, famous for his "Let's Roll" quote, just before passengers fought back against hijackers.



The second layer, representing the Dallas/Fort Worth airport, featured a Dallas skyline, a cowboy hat and the Cowboys' star logo.

The bottom layer was a map of the world, representing how the new flight to Dallas from Gainesville will help connect passengers to 92 additional flights worldwide.

Gainesville airport spokeswoman Erin Porter wrote in an email that when airports and airlines hold inaugural celebrations for new routes, over-the-top cake designs are the rule.

Gainesville's cake beat out other inaugural flight cakes from Budapest (Hungary), Riga (Latvia), Kuala Lumpur, La Crosse (Wisconsin), Kannur, (India), Derry (Scotland), Muscat (Oman) and Kharkiv (Ukraine).

*In Memoriam*

**S**adly, we share the news that Walt Houghton, a charter member of the Homestead Heliport Team, has passed away. His family was at his side.

Walt was a long-time professor at MIT and former Assistant to the Director at FLL.

Rest in peace, Walt.



*Passero Associates is pleased to welcome Robert (Bob) J. Bilyo, P.E.*



Passero Associates' growing aviation consulting practice is pleased to have Bob Bilyo join the Airport Services Group.



Bob, a senior Airport Engineer has over 25 years experience in design and management of runway, taxiway, apron and airfield electrical projects.

He joins our dedicated 45 airport consulting professionals serving the Northeast, Midwest, Southeast and Caribbean airport clients. Andrew Holesko, CM, Vice President-Director of Aviation comments, "Bob's addition to our airport staff was a key senior hire with tremendous experience and excellent client relationships that will fit well with our clients and growing practice".

Bob is excited to be on board and looks forward to meeting and serving our clients and being a team member on multidisciplinary teams.



**FAA Southern Region Airports Division Safety Award Winners**

Each year, the FAA Southern Region Airports Division recognizes excellence in airports and airport managers throughout the region, commending those recognized for their hard work, diligence, and devoted efforts in improving airport safety. The 2018 Southern Region Safety Award winners are as follows:

- 2018 Air Carrier Airport Manager of the Year**  
David J. Pollard, Tallahassee International Airport
- 2018 Air Carrier Safety Award**  
Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport
- 2018 General Aviation Manager of the Year**  
Gene Conrad, Lakeland Linder Regional Airport
- 2018 General Aviation Safety Award**  
Flagler Executive Airport

Winners will be recognized during the 2019 Southern Region Airports Conference at the Atlanta Marriott Buckhead Hotel & Convention Center April 22, 25, 2019. ***Congratulations to all!***

**FAC COMMITTEE NEWS**

***Environmental Committee accepting nominations for J. Bryan Cooper Awards***

Two awards will be presented at the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Exposition, August 4-7, 2019 in Fort Lauderdale: The Airport Project Environmental Award and the Vision Award.

The **Airport Project Environmental Award** recognizes FAC member Airports for promoting, implementing or undertaking environmental projects and programs that have a positive effect on the Florida aviation system and is presented to a Commercial Aviation or a General Aviation Airport at the annual conference. Criteria for selection:

1. Project or program utilizes or implements positive environmental practices within the state-wide Florida aviation system.
2. Project or program demonstrates a balance between environmental benefit and financial viability.
3. Project addresses environmental issues of local, regional or state-wide concern, providing increased environmental awareness and/or partnerships with entities outside of the aviation industry.
4. Project or program must have been completed, constructed, or reached a meaningful state (for long-term or multi-year projects) within the last 12 months.

The **Vision Award** recognizes outstanding leaders, whether individuals or agencies, that have exemplified vision, inspiration, leadership and significantly contributed to environmental standards in aviation design, permitting, and construction or innovations in balancing airport development and protecting the environment and is presented to a person or agency at the annual conference. Criteria for Selection:

1. Person or agency that has made extraordinary contributions to the FAC Environmental Committee and FAC in general.
2. Person or agency that championed an environmental cause that benefited the aviation industry.
3. Person or agency that has exemplified commitment and dedication to protecting the environment while balancing airport development and growth.
4. Person or agency that has developed a product,

procedure or program that contributed to the development of state or federal regulatory policy that benefited the aviation industry.

5. Person or agency that has demonstrated exemplary application of partnership with the local community to raise awareness on aviation environmental issues of local, regional or state-wide concern, thereby providing increased environmental awareness.

**Deadline for submissions for both awards to FAC is at 5 p.m. Friday, June 7, 2019. Click [here](#) for more information, or visit the Environmental Committees' web page to download a copy of the award brochures.**

**AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE**

The FAC Operations Committee is now accepting nominations for the Award for Excellence in Airport Operations. This award recognizes an airport employee that has provided a positive contribution to an airport, the traveling public, or to the aviation community.

The award selection panel is accepting nominations now through April 15, 2019. To be eligible for the award, the individual must be actively working in the field of airport operations (airside, landside, and/or terminal), but not on a managerial level or a part of the airport's executive staff.

Please click [here](#) to submit a nomination. Questions may be directed to Shaun Blevins, Operations Committee Chair, at [shaun.blevins@flygainesville.com](mailto:shaun.blevins@flygainesville.com).

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**INVITATION TO BID**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Commissioners, Palm Beach County, will receive sealed bids from qualified Contractors, at *Palm Beach County Department of Airports, 846 Palm Beach International Airport, West Palm Beach, Florida 33406*, at the hour of **2:00 PM**, Local Time, **April 23, 2019** for:

**Palm Beach County Glades (Pahokee) Airport Fuel Farm Replacement  
Palm Beach County Project No. GL 19-5**

Click [here](#) for the Palm Beach County's vendor self-service page to acquire additional details.



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**Closing:** April 5, 2019

**POSITION SUMMARY:** Assist the Senior Director of Concessions and Commercial Properties in generating optimum revenue through effective asset management, marketing and development of assigned commercial properties at Orlando International Airport and Orlando Executive Airport. Serve as a primary contact for dealings with assigned commercial properties and the rental car industry. To view this posting in its entirety, click [here](#).

**Position:** Wildlife Management Specialist

**Salary:** \$19.10 - \$22.50/hour

**Closing:** April 5, 2019

**POSITION SUMMARY:** Primary responsibility for prevention, control, mitigation and removal of wildlife hazards in and around the Air Operations Area (AOA) and airport property. Conduct monitoring and assessment surveys and counts to determine relative abundance and population densities for a variety of wildlife species. Research, track, investigate, capture, handle and/or transport a wide variety of birds and animals. Assist Airfield Operations with the safe and efficient operation and security of the AOA and related areas. Provide wildlife training to Airfield Operations staff per FAA guidelines. Perform other duties as assigned. To view this posting in its entirety, click [here](#).