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Congratulations RSW - recipient of the 2019 J. Bryan Cooper Environmental Award

Each year, the Environmental Committee recognizes an airport member for promoting, implementing or undertaking environmental projects and/or programs that have a positive effect on the local environment and the Florida aviation system.

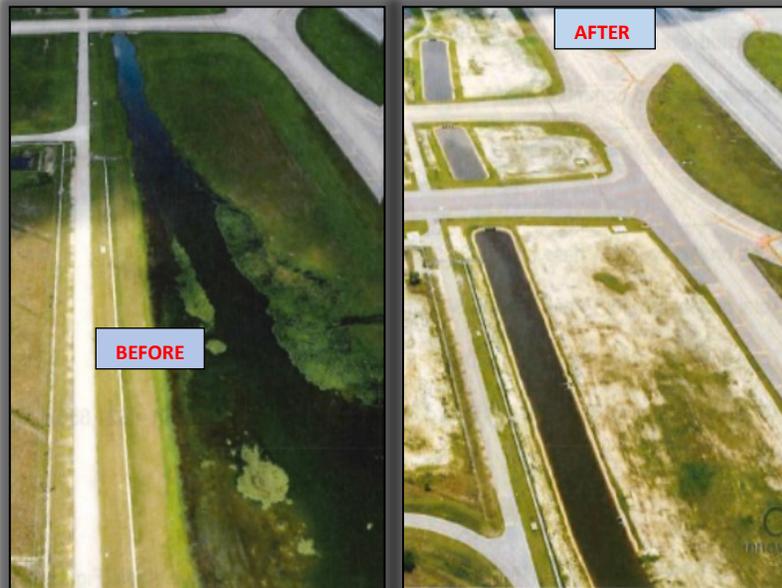


Madam Chair Nina MacPherson, RSW Airport Director Jeff Mulder, Mariben Anderson-Michael Baker Intl. and FAC CEO Lisa Waters

In order to be selected, the airport project must...

- Utilize or implement positive environmental practices within the state-wide Florida aviation system.
- Demonstrate a balance between environmental benefit and financial viability.
- Address environmental issues of local, regional or state-wide concern, providing increased environmental awareness and/or partnerships with entities outside of the aviation industry.
- Must have been completed, constructed, or reached a meaningful state (for long-term or multi-year projects) within the last 12 months.

The 2019 Award was presented to Jeff Mulder, Lee County Port Authority, at the August 7th Leadership Luncheon for the RSW Hazardous Waste and Wildlife Remediation Project. This project involved a 160-acre lake retrofit, AOA linear lake deepening, 128-acre clearing and filling on the Runway 6 end, ditch deepening and 108-acre habitat clearing and filling. See the project before and after photos below:



FDOT announces 2019 Aviation Awards

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2019 FDOT Awards:

*General Aviation
Airport Project of the Year*

New Airport Terminal Building, Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport, Passero Associates, LLC and F & G Construction General Contractors, Inc.



*Commercial Service
Airport Project of the Year*

Aircraft Rescue & Firefighting Station, Daytona Beach Intl. Airport, Schenkel Schultz Architecture, The Artec Group, Inc.



*Commercial Service
Airport of the Year*



ORLANDO • MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT • MLB

General Aviation Airport of the Year



Aviation Professional of the Year - Phillip Brown, GOAA



As Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority, Phil Brown is responsible for the operation and management of both Orlando International Airport and Orlando Executive Airport. Serving the Aviation Authority for the past 10 years, he has overseen major milestones and projects. Currently, the \$4.27 billion Capital Improvement Program is the largest construction and renovation project in MCO's history. A new 19-gate South Terminal Complex is scheduled for completion in 2021. Orlando's passenger traffic has increased from 34.8 million in 2010 to more than 48 million in 2019, making Orlando International Airport the busiest airport in the state of Florida, 10th busiest in the U.S. and 34th busiest in the world. As CEO of a premier international gateway, Mr. Brown has been a tireless advocate of expanding global access to the Central Florida community and has significantly raised Orlando's stature as a world-class destination. Statistics from the Florida Department of Transportation show that MCO provides \$41.1 billion in economic impact to the region. Under Mr. Brown's leadership, Orlando International Airport was ranked by J.D. Power "Highest in Customer Satisfaction for Mega Airports" in 2017 and 2018 and named 2018 Large Airport of the Year by CAPA - Centre of Aviation.



Distinguished Aviation Service Award - Two recipients:



Dr. Nathaniel "Nat" Villaire. Nat served in the USAF where he flew KC-135 and T-39 aircraft. He served in 6 campaigns in Vietnam where he was awarded the Bronze Star. After retiring, he began teaching and retired as Professor of Aeronautics at the Florida Institute of Technology in 2012. Nat passed away on December 1, 2018.

Congratulations to Dr. Villaire and his family.



James "Jim" Wikstrom, FDOT District 5, Modal Development Manager. In 1979, Jim joined the USAF and spent 5 years as a C-130 and C-141 Aircraft Electrician, earning the rank of Staff Sergeant. In 1984, he retired and went to work as a Quality Engineer. In 1988, he left that job and began working on his Aviation Business Administration degree at ERAU, graduating in 1990. After graduating, Jim went to work as a Senior Aviation Planner in KY. Eventually he landed at FDOT central office as the Aviation Planning Manager. Jim worked in Tallahassee for 2 ½ years before transferring to District 5 in Orlando, where he has spent the last 19+ years managing the Airport, Seaport and Spaceport grant program. In January 2015, Jim was promoted to the Freight and Logistics Manager.

During his time at District 5, Jim became known for his willingness to explore creative solutions to airport planning and funding challenges. This is reflected in the fact that over 19 years, Jim helped administer over \$1 billion in state funding to Airports, Seaports and Spaceports in Florida.

Congratulations Jim and Happy Retirement.

EDUCATION MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Flight schools booming as job opportunities open for pilots

(Source: APnews.copm)

Enrollment is booming at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and other flight schools as pilots at major airlines are hitting retirement age.

The school's assistant dean Kenneth Byrnes tells The Daytona Beach News-Journal "there's jobs like there hasn't been in a long, long time."



When classes began August 26, the school's residential campuses in Daytona Beach and Prescott, Arizona, are expecting a 20% increase in enrollment over 2018, when there were nearly 2,000 aeronautical science students.

The Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne has seen "steady growth" in its flight school over the past three years. Associate Dean Isaac Silver says a pilot shortage is driving enrollment.



Silver says pilots at regional airlines are replacing retiring pilots. That means regional carriers are looking for "qualified first officers."



Do you know a student or family member studying aviation/airports that might be interested in applying for an FAC scholarship?

FAC's 2020 Scholarship Application period is now OPEN!!

Students of an institution that is an Educational Member of FAC are eligible to apply. The following are current Educational Member schools:

- ◇ Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- ◇ Everglades University
- ◇ Florida Institute of Technology
- ◇ Lynn University
- ◇ Miami Dade College
- ◇ Polk State College
- ◇ University of South Florida

Typed applications may be submitted via email to dfaulkner@flylcpa.com on or before **September 30, 2019**. Applications will be reviewed by the Education Committee determine which students will be interviewed. Interviews will be conducted by the Education Committee on November 1, 2019 at Orlando International Airport. For additional information, eligibility criteria and the application form, click [here](#).

DATES TO REMEMBER		(New ←)
	Location and Links	Date
Tampa Bay Aviation Association Safety Day	Tampa International Airport Boardroom For details and to register, click here	September 20, 2019 Starting at 9:00 AM ←
2020 State Legislative Fly-In	Hotel Duval, Tallahassee, FL 415 North Monroe Street Click here to register and here for sponsorship opportunities FAC Room Rate Available Starting on Tuesday, September 3	October 16, 2019 7:30 AM - 7:30 PM ←
FAC Leadership Development Training Leadership Development (ALD) & Situational Leadership (ASL) for Airport & Transportation Professionals	Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate 1500 Masters Blvd., ChampionsGate, FL 33896 Click here for more details Click here to register	ALD - October 21-23, 2019 ASL - October 23-25, 2019
Florida International Air Show	Punta Gorda Airport Challenger Boulevard, Punta Gorda, FL 33982 For more information and to purchase tickets, click here	November 1-3, 2019 ←

Please email lisa@floridaairports.org with calendar updates.

AIRPORT MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Buchan Airport Fly-In Breakfast awards scholarship

The Scholarship Committee of the Buchan Airport Fly-In Breakfast congratulates Abigail Solovyev, the winner of our 2019 scholarship. Solovyev is a recent graduate of Venice High School and plans to attend Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in the fall.



This scholarship is awarded to a local student who is pursuing a career in the aviation industry. Past winners have been from Lemon Bay and Venice High Schools.

The Buchan Airport Fly-In Breakfast takes place annually on the first Saturday in March in Englewood. Past events have seen as many as forty aircraft including antique, experimental, aerobatic planes, and other aircraft fly into Buchan Airport. This is an opportunity for visitors to meet with the pilots and view the planes. Local community organizations and aviation related groups have exhibits for visitors to enjoy. There is no charge for admission. A quiche breakfast, complete with sweet roll, fruit, juice and coffee is available at a nominal charge.

The 14th Annual Buchan Fly-In Breakfast is March 7, 2020. For additional information, contact Bill Bond at 941-475-4854.

See where WWII fighter pilots were trained in Bartow

Bartow Executive Airport puts memorabilia on display

Located inside Bartow's airport terminal building is a room filled with pictures, relics and historical items pertaining to World War II and memorabilia from after the war, too.

The Bartow Executive Airport served as a primary flight training base from 1951 to 1961. "We had U.S. Air Force pilots and all the NATO pilots were able to train here. In those 10 years, approximately 8,000 people learned to fly here in Bartow," Patrick Huff, chairman of the Bartow airport museum committee, said. The facility was where NASA astronauts Buzz Aldrin, Karol Bobko and Ed White also trained as pilots. Aldrin actually got married at the base's chapel in 1951.

But before it was a pilot training base, the facility played an important role during WWII from 1941 to 1945.

"The ground was broken on December the 8th, 1941, the day after Pearl Harbor," Huff said. "It was originally built to be a bomber training base but the change in the war strategy made it imperative that they train more fighter pilots, so it wasn't until '43 that they brought in the first B 51s and the instructors."

Pictures of those brave men and women can be found throughout the museum. It contains archives and reminders of the war -- a time Florida practically became a hub to train combat pilots.

"The government particularly chose Florida for air bases because there were more flyable days in the year," Huff said.

Today, several original buildings still stand. The most notable one is the airport's control tower, which was built in 1942 when the airport was developed as a WWII training base.

Another interesting detail is about a popular phrase that originated from the war days when a chain of bullets that measured 9 yards was used for machine guns.

"If you've ever heard the saying 'the whole 9 yards,' that's it. The whole 9 yards. That's where the saying comes from," Huff said.



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Sanford airport to host Thunderbirds in first air show since 1994



Orlando Sanford International Airport will host its first Thunderbirds air show in 26 years in fall 2020, sending the U.S. Air Force's high-powered air squadron and other aircraft rumbling through the Central Florida sky.

Lockheed Martin said Monday that it would sponsor the event to showcase some of the programs the company supports with its Central Florida workforce of more than 8,000. The show will take place on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, 2020.

Company spokesman Mike Rein was not yet ready to name other aircraft that will be featured at the Lockheed Martin Space and Air Show but said it would show off some of the company's "front line aviation aircraft." Lockheed Martin has contracts in place for work on several high-profile aircraft, including the F-35, F-22 and C-130. The Thunderbirds pilots fly F-16s. "The goal is to have as many Lockheed Martin and other companies' aircraft as possible," Rein said. "Our efforts are to put on a first-class show."

"Lockheed Martin's reputation for excellence will propel the show to a national level," Sanford airport CEO Diane Crews said in a release. The Thunderbirds are a 66-year-old performance team often showcased as a headlining act at some of the most popular U.S. air shows. The elite flying unit is led by Orlando native Lt. Col. John Caldwell.

Lockheed chose to hold the air show in Sanford because of its accessibility to parking and major highways, along with its proximity to thousands of Lockheed employees nearby. "We want people to know in Central Florida that you do not have to look around the world to do really neat stuff with innovation if you want a tech job," he said. "We are doing all of that here."

The Thunderbirds show, the first at Sanford airport since 1994, will include a mix of civilian and military aircraft, with the goal being to attract major aerial acrobatic squads.

In addition, Lockheed Martin expects to show off its space-related hardware such as the Orion spacecraft, which is expected to ferry astronauts into space within the next two years. More details will be released in the coming months, and tickets for the event will go on sale in November.

Florida GA gateway set to be transformed into all cargo airport

Private investors are set to transform Airglades International Airport from a general aviation airfield into a cargo airport.

Owner, Hendry County, and current operator Airglades International, LLC (AIA) want to turn the airport into a new cargo and logistics hub for freight shipments between the US and Latin America and are seeking FAA approval for the ambitious scheme.

If all goes to plan, AvPORTS will become the airport operator and private investor and equity provider, Star America, will fund its transformation into a new all-cargo and perishable good airport. AvPORTS is an affiliate of AFCO and already provides integrated management services for a handful of mid-sized airports which include Albany, Steward, Westchester County, Gary/Chicago, and Teterboro. Hendry County has previously entered into a purchase and sale agreement with AIA, and this week approved the addition of Star America and AvPORTS to the project. "Today's actions represent a major boost to our long-term plans to develop a new state-of-the-art logistics complex that will dramatically reshape the efficient flow of perishable goods from Latin American producers to US consumers," said AIA president, Fred Ford.

"Much more work still needs to be done, but this airport represents a big win for consumers, airlines, and perishable suppliers, offering streamlined logistics to reduce cold chain disruptions, while reducing trucking and airport congestion." Hendry County administrator, Jennifer Davis, applauded the private infrastructure investment and potential jobs impact. She noted: "We couldn't have come this far without our private partners and their investment. They'll be upgrading our general aviation facilities while bringing much-needed infrastructure improvement and jobs to support this innovative, perishable goods facility."



Orlando ranks No. 2 and Tampa No. 4 as a hot spot for new commercial development

The Orlando and Tampa Bay areas rank No. 2 and No. 4 as hot spots nationwide for new commercial real estate development. That's according to EDR Insight, a Connecticut based company that tracks the due diligence performed by developers wanting to know environmental conditions affecting property before they buy. Due diligence activity rose 16 percent in Orlando and 15 percent in Tampa Bay in 2018 at a time when overall U.S. activity was flat.

"As the real estate recovery continues, investors and developers are looking more closely at Tampa and Orlando, where there are more opportunities to make acquisitions at reasonable prices," Diane Crocker, EDR Insight's principal analyst, said in a story in the August Issue of *Florida Realtor* magazine."

City officials move on, reflect on their time in Kissimmee

Three top Kissimmee officials have either left or are leaving the city for greener pastures.

City Attorney Don Smallwood retires at the end of September. Kissimmee Gateway **Airport Director Terry Lloyd is now working in the private sector.** And University of Central Florida business incubator site manager Jim Bowie is heading to the University of Florida. The News-Gazette asked the three men about their careers, life in Kissimmee and what's next. [Click here to read the full article.](#) **Keep reading about our friend, Terry Lloyd.**



Terry Lloyd, former director of aviation at Kissimmee Gateway Airport, is ready for his third act. He recently retired after 20 years on the job. Before that, he spent 22 years in the Air Force. "My wife is not going to let me be a man of leisure," said Lloyd, a Desert Storm veteran, who is now helping care for his elderly father.

His legacy in Kissimmee lies in the city's airport. The 1000-acre airport caters mostly to mid-sized business jets used for private charters as well as small planes. Some are flown by professional aviators, others by recreational pilots. Some

65,000 aircraft use the airport in a year.

Lloyd got the job after meeting his predecessor, Tim Shea, an air traffic controller during the Vietnam war. The two were paired together at an industry networking event with the American Association of Airport Executives, once closed to military personnel.

"So when I retired from the Air Force, I called him," said Lloyd, who worked in military airfield operations. Shea knew Lloyd's background gave him the expertise to run the airport, Lloyd said.

The FAA lists Kissimmee Gateway Airport under Orlando, and it's often overshadowed by Orlando International Airport. People don't always realize how close Kissimmee is to Orlando, Disney World and other Central Florida sites, Lloyd said. "The airport is a job creator. It also exposes the community to people literally from all over the world," he said.

The education pipeline now established at the airport through Avionica and Aviator AMT is one of Lloyd's greatest accomplishments, he said. "It's easy to see the public perception that this airport is only for rich boys and their toys, but it's not now that we have these educational resources," Lloyd said.

The airport generates between \$850,000 and \$1 million per year in revenue. It's run through one of the city's enterprise funds, which means it operates more like a business than a municipal agency. Fuel tax revenue helps support the airport, and the city also contributes capital funds for airport projects. A point of pride for Lloyd is the relatively few complaints about air traffic noise in Kissimmee. "That's partly because people recognize the value of the airport and also because the City Commission has always been supportive of the airport," Lloyd said.

The future of the airport, he said, will depend on the expansion of Hoagland Boulevard, which borders the airport on the west.

Note: *Terry served on several FAMA and FAC Committees during his years as airport manager. Thank you Terry, for your service on behalf of Florida Airports, and best wishes!*



Southwest Florida Intl. Airport breaks ground on new ATC facility

The Lee County Port Authority, Board of Port Commissioners, county officials, business partners and other state and federal representatives held a groundbreaking ceremony last week to mark the start of construction on a new airport traffic control tower and terminal radar approach control (TRACON) facility at Southwest Florida International Airport in Fort Myers, Fla.



The new tower facility is an \$80 million project that will replace the current tower, which was built in 1982, with a state-

of-the-art-facility located next to the airport's aircraft rescue and firefighting station. The project is funded with money from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and airport Passenger Facility Charges. The construction phase of the facility will support more than 300 jobs and operation of the tower is planned for summer 2022, the Lee County Port Authority said.

"With record-breaking passenger growth during the past several decades, the new Airport Traffic Control Tower project is a crucial investment in RSW's infrastructure and will enhance the safety and capacity at Southwest Florida International Airport," said LCPA Executive Director Jeff Mulder, A.A.E. "Commercial air transportation is vital to our community as it connects our region to the rest of the world and allows us access to an increasingly global marketplace."

New terminal, hangars, space: Major upgrades underway at Marco's airport

Marco Island's airport is having \$13 million spent to upgrade its facilities, but Collier County Airports Manager Justin Lobb says many people don't even know it's there.

There are two major projects in the works at the airport, which is not actually on the island but down Collier Boulevard at the end of Mainsail Drive. Replacing the existing terminal with a new two-story building is well underway, and currently



scheduled to open during the coming winter season – although the county website still shows the "new terminal facility opening Summer 2019."

At a cost of \$9.4 million, the new terminal is being funded 80 percent by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), with the balance paid by local airport and county taxes. The new building, at over 16,000 square feet, more than doubles the size of the existing terminal.

A second project will raze the old terminal building once its replacement is operating, freeing up the space for a larger apron area to enhance the airport's ground operations. The approximately \$3.5 to 4 million cost for that phase will be 90 percent paid for by the FAA.

"Many people on Marco Island don't know we exist – and in Naples, forget it. People think it's funny that the Marco Island airport isn't on Marco Island."

- Kate Whitson-Alves, a Marco resident and graduate of ERAU's aviation program

Once, though, it was. Marco Island had not one, but two airstrips built by the Mackle brothers and Deltona during the "buy and fly" era of the island's development, said local attorney and unofficial island historian Craig Woodward. He remembers the first, which shared duty as a road heading down to the missile tracking station at Caxambas Pass and was built to bring visitors and potential real estate buyers to the island. [Read More...](#)



AROUND THE STATE

Local couple donate aircraft to Lively Technical College's aviation mechanics program*(Source: TallahasseeDemocrat.com)*

Inside Lively Technical College's aviation campus hangar Friday morning, staff unveiled a fixed-wing, single-engine aircraft donated by a local couple to benefit the college's airplane technician students.

Jesse and Elise Judelle donated their 1990 Mooney M20M plane, valued at least \$88,000. Jesse Judelle shared memories of his excursions on the plane, such as flying to visit family in South Florida and as far as California. On Friday, he passed it on to Lively's students and instructors. "The airplane's significant because this aircraft is actually what's on the field now," said instructor Joseph Garcia. "Most of the equipment we had here before had some age to it, so it doesn't have the modern technology ... in order to teach. We now have that technology and projects to do on it to actually show the students how to do something properly."

Located on the Tallahassee International Airport's grounds, the college's Aviation Airframe and Powerplant Mechanics program has been in the community for 70 years, said the college's director, Shelly Bell.

Hands-on experience will help students to enter the airplane mechanics workforce with up-to-date knowledge. Students in the program will learn about the plane's structure, taking apart and studying the Mooney M20M's tail, windows and wings, while Powerplant program students will focus on the engine, Garcia explained. Airport Director David Pollard said there's a projected shortage of AMP mechanics, and that the new aircraft addition is an important one to graduate competitive applicants.

"We want to do our part working with Lively and with this community to stress the importance of where you're at here today," Pollard said. "I want to continue to work with Lively as we press ahead to see how we can continue to grow this program and take it into the future."

The vocational college offers classes in more than 30 programs, including nursing, automotive services, culinary arts and multimedia design.

Florida tourism numbers up in first half of year *(Source: PalmBeachPost.com)*

Bolstered by U.S. and Canadian tourists, Florida's visitor count continued at a record pace through the second quarter of 2019, according to Gov. Ron DeSantis' office. But Visit Florida, the state's tourism-marketing agency, now faces a test. The estimated 68.9 million travelers to Florida during the first six months of the year occurred before a 34 percent cut in state funding for the public-private agency took effect. The cut came after repeated debates in which state House leaders questioned the need for Visit Florida. Florida drew a record 126.98 million visitors in 2018, including 66.28 million people during the first half of last year.

In a recent news release announcing the January through June estimates for 2019, DeSantis highlighted the impact of the tourism industry on the state's economy. "The revenue generated by out-of-state visitation has kept taxes low while allowing us to invest in priorities like environmental protection, transportation and education," DeSantis said. "We will continue to work to make sure that Florida remains the world's premier vacation destination."

Visit Florida in recent years received \$76 million from the Legislature for tourism-promotion efforts, but the budget DeSantis signed for the 2019-2020 fiscal year slashed that amount to \$50 million. The fiscal year started July 1. As a result, the Visit Florida Board of Directors in May cut payroll by \$3.65 million, or 30 percent, and reduced strategic marketing by \$17.8 million.

In the news release, Visit Florida President and CEO Dana Young said the agency will "continue to develop cutting edge marketing programs." Visit Florida has been in the crosshairs of House members in recent years because of past spending that included a \$11.6 million deal to sponsor a cooking show hosted by celebrity chef Emeril Lagasse, a \$2.875 million contract with an auto-racing team known as Visit Florida Racing, and a \$1 million promotion contract with Miami rapper Pitbull.

The tourism numbers this year have been largely driven by visitors from other parts of the United States — 61.2 million, up from 58.58 million during the same period last year — and Canadians. The 2.4 million Canadians in the first six months of this year were up from 2.33 million in the January-through-June period last year. That continues a trend after increased marketing and discount travel programs were directed at Canadians after the numbers dropped by 5.4 percent in 2015 and 11.9 percent in 2016.



Florida infrastructure could be paid for by airline passengers

Several polls have shown that voters from across the political spectrum are ready to improve America's infrastructure—but there are questions about how it will be paid for.

Both unions and the business community, including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, have supported the idea of raising the gasoline tax 25 cents over the next four years to help fund infrastructure projects. Some experts point to passenger facility charges (PFC), an airline fee, as a way to address aging infrastructure across Florida and the country.

Florida's airports welcome more than more than 176 million passengers annually from all over the globe—and reforming how the PFC is used could lead to more revenue. Currently capped at \$4.50, the PFC is a user fee that funds airport improvements and facility expansions including new departure gates, terminals, restrooms and security checkpoints. The PFC is paid as part of an airline ticket. PFC funds stay at the airport where the passenger departs.

"Passenger traffic is up 191 million passengers over the last decade," said Rick Piccolo, the president and CEO of Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport. "There is a critical need to increase our capacity and refurbish aging airports throughout the United States."

The current cap on the PFC has not been adjusted in almost 20 years and the buying power has stagnated over that time period. Supporters of modernizing or removing the outdated federal cap on the PFC say, if their reforms are adopted, airports can move quickly on almost \$130 billion in infrastructure needs, with those projects being able to be completed by 2023.

Earlier this month, U.S. Rep. Thomas Massie, R-Ky., brought out the "Rebuilding America's Airport Infrastructure Act" with U.S. Rep. Earl Blumenauer, D-Oreg., as a cosponsor. The bill would eliminate the federal cap on the PFC, giving airports more flexibility and local control to finance major construction projects.

"Removing the PFC cap and allowing airports to collect more of their own revenue from users reduces airports' dependency on federal grants and taxes," Massie said when he introduced the proposal. "This bill would let airports – not the federal government – decide what to charge customers who use their facilities so they can increase investments to improve passenger experience." Supporters say the proposal fits perfectly into President Donald Trump's infrastructure policies since it doesn't impose more taxes or increase the federal deficit.

"It fosters free-market competition, making America's infrastructure and ability to compete on a global economy more efficient," said Piccolo who previously served as chairman of the Florida Airports Council. "That's something every American, regardless of their political philosophy or party affiliation, should be comfortable with."

Opponents of removing the cap insist any increase will stifle air traffic by saddling passengers with higher fees. But supporters note that it could actually decrease costs for consumers by increasing competition and providing the infrastructure necessary for airports to attract more carriers.

"Increased competition leads to lower air fares, which is a major benefit of locally funded airport expansion," said Robert Poole, the director of transportation policy at the Reason Foundation.

In congressional testimony delivered before the U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Tampa International Airport CEO Joseph Lopano said that by using funds from the PFC, the increased competition in existing markets has increased by more than 50 percent since 2015.

For example, in 2016, the average fare to Boston from Tampa was \$164 with JetBlue serving as the only airline offering nonstop service between the two cities. Since then, Delta and Spirit have entered the market, bringing the average fare down to \$133.

AROUND THE NATION

[DOT issues interim policy on 'One Federal Decision'](#)

DOT has issued an interim policy outlining how it will implement the One Federal Decision (OFD) framework for environmental reviews and authorization decisions for major infrastructure projects.



The OFD framework, established by President Trump in August 2017, is designed to ensure a more timely and coordinated environmental review and permitting process while stimulating investment and improvements in infrastructure. Last year, AAAE submitted comments to the Council on Environmental Quality expressing support for the primary and underlying objectives of the OFD framework because it would introduce more accountability, timelines and transparency into the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process.

Although the interim policy was effective as of Aug. 23, DOT has requested feedback from stakeholders on the policy by Sept. 23. The DOT notice is available in the [Federal Register](#).

[Registration for the 2020 Florida Aviation Professionals Academy \(FAPA\) course is OPEN!](#)

The Florida Department of Transportation Aviation and Spaceports Office is pleased to announce the next iteration of the Florida Aviation Professionals Academy (FAPA) course, FAPA 2020! After a successful Spring course in April, the Fall FAPA course is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, 2019 and Thursday, October 17, 2019. The Fall FAPA course will be held at the Florida Turnpike Headquarters at the Turkey Lake Service Plaza, Mile Post 262, Building #5315, Ocoee, Florida 34761.

You may register by clicking on the link below; the registration will ask for your name, contact information, and organization. It will also ask you to register for Day One (all modules except for JACIP), Day Two (JACIP module), or the full course (both Days One and Two). Previous attendees have unanimously elected to attend both days, and we also suggest attendance at both days of FAPA. _

Please note: As we are seeking registrations from more individuals than we have capacity, when you register your status will be accepted as "pending." After you register, FDOT will follow up to confirm your attendance! Registering itself does not guarantee attendance.

<https://cvent.me/E84Ev>

The course will begin promptly at 8:30 AM on Wed. October 16, 2019 and will conclude on Thurs. October 17, 2019 at 1:00 PM. Lunch will be provided both days. FAPA's convenient location in the FDOT Turnpike office means there are numerous hotels in the area to choose from. Additionally, we are currently working to secure continuing education credits for Professional Engineers (PEs) as part of course participation. More information about FAPA will be provided after your attendance is confirmed.

If you are unable to attend the Fall FAPA course in October, please be advised that the next FAPA course is scheduled for early March. If you are unable to attend the Fall FAPA course after your registration has been confirmed, please contact us as soon as possible to indicate your interest in attending the Spring course instead.

Again, please register at the link below as the course is filling up fast afterwards FDOT will follow up to confirm your attendance if selected:

<https://cvent.me/E84Ev>

Questions? Contact Nick Harwell at (850) 414-4510 or by email at nick.harwell@dot.state.fl.us



***2020 State Affairs Legislative Fly-In
scheduled for October 16, 2019***

FAC Members please mark your calendars and plan to participate in the FAC State Legislative Fly-In scheduled for Wednesday, October 16, 2019. We need as many faces and voices as we can get to meet with officials and tackle the issues facing airports in the upcoming Legislative session, which begins January 14, 2020.



Fly-In Schedule:

- Oct. 16, 2019** 7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
Review meeting schedule – Group break outs
Discuss talking points
- 8:00 a.m. Begin meetings on the Hill
- 6:00 p.m. Reception – North Terrace, Hotel Duval
- Oct. 17, 2019** 8:00 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting – Opal Room, Hotel Duval

FAC has a room block at the Hotel Duval for members planning to attend. Rooms will be available starting Tuesday, September 3rd at the discounted rate of \$189.00 plus tax (12.5%). The room block closes on September 23rd.

Registration information is available on the FAC website. Don't miss this important opportunity to meet your legislative representative in numbers, face-to-face, with support from your association to advocate for Florida airports. Registration is \$90.00 and sponsorships are available for the reception. We hope to see you in October. Click [here](#) to register.

Business and Employment

Opportunities



**Lee County Port Authority
Southwest Florida International Airport**

The Lee County Port Authority invites all interested and qualified parties to provide submission for the above referenced solicitation.

All documents and instructions for submittal may be obtained online at www.publicpurchase.com.

Solicitation submissions must be received at RSW Purchasing Office, 3rd Floor prior to 2:00 PM, **Tuesday, September 3, 2019**

Any requests or questions concerning this solicitation shall be addressed to the Purchasing Office, **Lori DeLoach, CPPB, Senior Procurement Agent, LKDeLoach@FlyLCPA.com**, Phone: (239) 590-4555 / Fax: (239) 590-4539

Legal Notice

RFP #19-26TB, Financial Advisory Services for LCPA

The Lee county Port Authority invites the submission of Request for Proposals from all interested and qualified parties to perform Financial Advisory Services for LCPA.

A copy of the RFP and instructions for submittal may be obtained at www.publicpurchase.com.

The receiving and opening of RFP #19-26TB is scheduled for 2:00 PM local time on Thursday, September 10, 2019 in the Purchasing Office, 3rd Floor, RSW Terminal, 11000 Terminal Access Road, Suite 8671, Fort Myers, FL 33913-8899.

Any questions concerning this RFP shall be addressed to Terri L. Bortz, Purchasing Agent, Phone: (239) 590-4554 / Fax: (239) 590-4539 / tlbortz@flylcpa.com



INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Commissioners, Palm Beach County, State of Florida, 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, **September 10th, 2019** and said bids will be opened and publicly read immediately thereafter in the conference room, at the above address, on the same day for:

**North Palm Beach County General Aviation Airport (F45)
Perimeter AOA Security Fence Improvements
Palm Beach County Project No. NC-19-1
Palm Beach county Department of Airports**

Bidders can download and print the Contract Documents free of charge by visiting the County's Vendor Self-Service Website:

<https://pbcvssp.co.palm-beach.fl.us/webapp/vssp/AltSelfService>

To submit requests for more information, please contact Gary M. Sypek, Director of Planning, gsypek@pbia.org.



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

**PERSONAL SERVICES CONCESSION (MASSAGE THERAPY
AND OTHER RELATED PASSENGER SERVICES)
TALLAHASSEE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
RFP #112-19-CC**

The City of Tallahassee, owner and operator of Tallahassee International Airport, seeks proposals from experienced business entities to build-out and operate a Personal Services Concession. Respondents must propose a spa concept specializing in Massage Therapy Services and may also propose other compatible services such as skin and nail, salon/barber, and/or other similar services, and the sale of related retail merchandise (Solicitation Number: RFP No. 112-19-CC). Proposals are due October 3, 2019 @ 4:30 PM EST.

A **MANDATORY** pre-proposal conference and site tour will be held on:

Date: September 5, 2019

Time: 10:00 AM EST

Location: Tallahassee International Airport, Boeing Room (2nd Floor), 3300 Capital Circle, SW, Tallahassee, FL 32310

This package can be downloaded via BidSync at:

<https://www.periscopeholdings.com/the-city-of-tallahassee>

Please direct questions to: Claudia Cooper, Purchasing Agent/Contract Specialist, Phone: (850) 891-8401 or (850) 891-8280



Position: Assistant Manager, Structured Cabling
Department: Information Technology
Closing Date: Open Until Filled

The Assistant Manager, Structured Cabling position is a member of the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority's Information Technology Infrastructure Team. This position is responsible for direction, supervision, and coordination of the IT Premise Distribution Systems (PDS) group to support the Authority's fiber optic and copper cabling infrastructure. The position supervises the PDS staff and manages the cable infrastructure for the Aviation Authority.

Some of the minimum requirements for this position include: Bachelor degree in Electrical Engineering or related field and six (6) years of experience installing, servicing, and maintaining Low Voltage/IT and Telecommunication Systems or an equivalent combination of related education, training, and experience; must have experience in telecommunications and be well versed in BICSI rules and standards and have strong knowledge of installing, splicing, terminating, and testing fiber optic cable; must have strong project management, documentation, research skills and the ability to communicate technical concepts in a non-technical manner; knowledge of MS Office suite, and Visio required, knowledge of AutoCAD desired.

To view this job posting in its entirety and to apply, click [here](#).



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Airports Council**

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Position: Aviation Safety Manager
Salary: \$76,855 - \$122,662 Annually, DOQ plus benefits



The Aviation Department which operates the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport (FLL) and the North Perry Airport (HWO) is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Aviation Safety Manager. FLL is undergoing an expansion and capital improvement program which involves construction on both landside and airside operations. This is an outstanding opportunity for a candidate with aviation and construction experience to create and implement a safety program which will meet the requirements of all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations to ensure the safety and protection of employees, the public, and those working on airport property. The candidate must be able to work independently, create, implement and facilitate the acceptance of a safety culture for the airport and finally to implement, promote and educate employees, vendors and contractors working on the airport. This position shall be a liaison to other Aviation and County Departments, tenants and contractors. ****MUST BE ABLE TO WORK NIGHTS, HOLIDAYS AND WEEKENDS PERIODICALLY BASED ON OPERATIONAL NEEDS****

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Bachelor's degree with major course work in Aviation Management, Industrial Safety or Hygiene, Public Administration, or other closely related field; Six (6) years management experience in developing and managing a comprehensive Aviation Safety Management System Program for a large governmental entity or private employer; or an equivalent combination of relevant training and experience.

NOTE: All candidates must complete an extensive ten (10) year work history verification and criminal background check, including fingerprinting and all other information as required by the Federal Aviation Administration. *Post-offer physical examination including drug testing, ability to maintain authorization to drive a County vehicle. *Ability to obtain and maintain a Security Identification Display Area (SIDA) Badge*. Interested applicants must apply online at: www.broward.org/careers. The Announcement is open until a sufficient number of applications are received. The Aviation Department operates under a Drug-Free Workplace Policy in compliance with the provisions of the Federal Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988.



Position: Project Manager
Location: Tampa or Orlando

Position: Project Engineer
Location: Tampa or Orlando

American Infrastructure Development, Inc. (AID) is looking for a Professional Civil Engineer to join our Team as part of our growth in the aviation industry. Experience with the design and management of airport projects would be required. This would include a thorough knowledge of FAA and FDOT guidelines, including Grants and grant compliance. A minimum of 10 years of experience, including client interaction, would be required.

American Infrastructure Development, Inc. (AID) is looking for a Civil Engineer to join our Team as part of our growth in the aviation industry. Experience with the design and plans production (including Civil 3D) of airside and landside projects would be required. This would include a thorough knowledge of FAA guidelines, including airfield geometrics and other design criteria.