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# AIRMAIL '20



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## *A message from our incoming Chairman of the Board*

Dear Members of the Florida Airports Council:

To say that the year 2020 has been unprecedented would be an understatement. Not just Florida or the United States, but the whole world has been impacted by a pandemic not seen since last century, when aviation was at its infancy, and commercial aviation was virtually non-existent. The decrease in aviation activity has reached all corners of the world and Florida was not spared. We are now seeing glimmers of hope and slightly increased activity, which makes me hopeful that a recovery may be around the corner.

We have all learned many new things during this time. Words such as aerosols, hand sanitizer, COVID, lockdown, social distancing and face covering have entered everyday language. We have learned new ways of communicating with one another. Platforms like Zoom, GotoMeeting and Teams are a new normal when attending a meeting. And speaking of that, we have learned a lot about each other, particularly when the mute button is not in use. We have also learned new ways of dressing for work, such as shirt and tie with shorts make a great work outfit. However, perhaps the one thing we have learned the most, is how valuable toilet paper can be.

I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to recognize our immediate past chair, Parker McClellan of Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport. His stalwart service to this trade association during this difficult year deserves to be commended. I also want to thank the members of the board of directors for their commitment to this organization. As you know, this is an all-voluntary board of directors and their time and dedication is very much appreciated.

Looking ahead, I look forward to building on Chairman McClellan's strategic update by:

- Ensuring the viability and survivability of the aviation industry.
- Ensuring the viability and survivability of the trade association.
- Instilling passenger confidence by promoting airports as clean, safe environments for passengers to travel through.
- Continued communication with local/state/federal governments and agencies as to the status of airports and find ways then can assist.
- Encouraging airport leadership to train the next generation of leaders by getting them involved in the decision-making process.

We face many challenges ahead, but I am convinced that if we all work together and communicate well with each other, there will be no challenge that we cannot surmount. I truly believe that FAC is the premier state aviation trade association, and I am honored and humbled to serve as your chair this year. Please feel free to contact me or FAC staff if you have any questions, needs or would like to provide any feedback as to how we can serve you better.

All the best,  
Luis A. Olivero  
2021 FAC Chairman of the Board



***Virtual Education and Training Summit is a wrap!***

The October 7-9, 2020 Virtual E & T was a success. We were challenged with the conversion from face-to-face to virtual, but the committee chairs/moderators, panelists and guest speakers rose to the occasion and did an excellent job. Thank You to all sponsors and corporate members that participated in the Innovation Stations. This was a new feature of our event, and speaking for myself, I attended every one and learned something during each presentation. Great job Corporate Committee!

***Facts and Figures:*** A total of 82 FAC members and 4 non-members registered for the event.

- Meeting Sponsors and *Innovation Station* participants included AVCON, EPIC Engineering & Consulting Group, Hanson Professional Services, HMMH, Michael Baker International and MySmartPlans
- Naples Airport Authority was the opening keynote speaker sponsor
- Session Sponsors included EG Solutions, ESA Airports, Greater Orlando Aviation Authority, and Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport
- The highest attended session was the opening keynote speaker, Noah Valenstein, FDEP Secretary, with 80 participants. All other sessions were well attended, averaging between 40 and 63 participants each.



***Education Foundation Fundraising:***

The Education Committee and staff developed creative ways to bridge the gap in fundraising due to the Virtual format. THANK YOU to all that participated in the Virtual Fun Run and the Raffle. The Fun Run raised \$3,540 towards 2021 student scholarships and the raffle featured great prizes and generated another \$760 towards the scholarship program. Also, Thank You Airport Infrastructure Development, Inc., Sabina Mohammadi, President-CEO, Lionel Guilbert, SRQ and Julie Sullivan, ESA for the dedicated Foundation donations totaling \$3,130. All totaled, the Education Committee raised \$7,430 - AMAZING!

## *FAC announces Resolutions, Aviation Leadership and Corporate Eagle Award recipients*

It's FAC's tradition to recognize the good work of outgoing leadership. Every Board member plays an important role in the success of the Council and the Education Foundation through their multi-year term. Directors may elect to pursue a leadership position on the Board and move to the Executive Committee as Secretary/Treasurer, Vice Chairman, Chairman of the Board, then Immediate Past Chairman. This means most Directors dedicate as many as 7-plus years of service to the organization.

In the case of the two leaders we recognized during the E & T Summit, both served FAC during challenges like Hurricanes Irma, Matthew, Michael and Dorian, worked to advance key legislative priorities including maintaining the Florida Aviation Fuel Tax, and worked to promote economic development at our airports and to advance the Education Foundation.



**Parker W. McClellan, Jr.**, Executive Director, Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport and outgoing Chairman of the Board. Parker became active in the Florida Airports Managers Association/FAC early in his career and has since served on several FAC Committees, including the 2007 Annual Conference Committee, the Environmental, Education, IT and State

Affairs Committees. Parker was nominated and selected to serve on the FAC Board of Directors in 2014 and was elected Chairman of the Board in 2020, where he has shown tremendous leadership, remaining resilient during the challenges of Hurricane Michael that devastated the Mexico Beach on the Florida panhandle on October 10, 2018, and through one of the most challenging times experienced in the aviation industry as a result of the 2020 global pandemic



**Nina MacPherson**, Airport Manager - North Perry Airport and outgoing Immediate Past Chair and President of the Education Foundation. In 2019, in Nina's eighth year of service to the Council, she served as Madam Chair of the Board of Directors. During her service, Nina Chaired two FAC Specialty Conferences, served as the Board Liaison

to the General Aviation Committee, as chair of the State Affairs Committee, and is a founding member of the Training Committee.

A Certified Member of the American Association of Airport Executives, Nina was a former Chair for the AAAP SE Chapter General Aviation Committee and currently serves as Chair for the Education and Scholarship Committee and as Chair for the SE Region CFASPP Committee.

*The members of the Florida Airports Council commend Parker and Nina for their commitment to Florida Airports and dedicated service to the members of the Florida Airports Council.*

*On behalf of the entire membership, "Thank You!"*

**Welcome  
New  
FAC Member!!**

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***The FAC Aviation Leadership and Corporate Eagle Awards go to....***

Each year FAC recognizes individuals and organizations for outstanding contributions to the Florida airport and aviation industry, the FAC Education Foundation and the members of FAC.



This year, the FAC Aviation Leadership Award is presented to two agencies and their staff that have been dedicated to assisting airports in meeting the financial challenges of the unexpected economic downturn and response to new health and safety needs due to the global pandemic:

FAC recognizes Bart Venace, Manager and the entire staff of the **FAA Orlando Airports District Office** for their outstanding dedication to Florida Airports through the implementation of the CARES Act and the issuance of grants to assist struggling airports through the challenges posed by the Pandemic. ADO staff also worked tirelessly to issue AIP grants under the annual cycle. The ADO went Above and Beyond this year, successfully completing the program in a 100% telework environment. The Orlando ADO:

- Issued 168 grants in FY 2020. By comparison, the ADO typically issues between 60 & 65 grants in a given fiscal year
- FY 2020 grants issued were just over \$1.2 Billion. Here's a breakdown:
  - AIP \$249M
  - Supplemental \$38M
  - CARES \$891M
  - CARES matching \$35M



**Federal Aviation Administration**

We also recognize our partners at the **Florida Department of Transportation** - Secretary Kevin Thibault, his leadership team, Aaron Smith and the professionals at the Central office and all District offices.



The FDOT has shown exceptional leadership during this pandemic. The Secretary has kept us abreast of what's happening at the State level with his regular COVID-19 update calls with commercial service air[ort] sponsors, which includes an update from the Department of Health and a hearty listening session where the Secretary offers each airport the opportunity to communicate concerns and issues regarding the Department's response to the global pandemic.

- In FY 2020 FDOT committed over \$200M to airports statewide
  - \$144M - commercial service
  - \$70M - general aviation
- Since July 1, 2020 FDOT has committed nearly \$100M to airports statewide
  - \$69M - commercial service
  - \$27M - general aviation
- FDOT staff have been working remotely since March and successfully implemented the program with very few interruptions, which in a testament to their dedication to Florida airports.

On behalf of the FAC Board of Directors and our members, we recognize Secretary Kevin Thibault, FDOT and his staff in the Central office including Aviation Manager Aaron Smith, and the entire Central Office and District Office Team of professionals.

***On behalf of the FAC Board of Directors and our members, THANK YOU for your dedication to our industry and for your unwavering support of Florida airports.***

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

( New ← )

	Location	Date
<b>CFASPP Statewide Meeting</b>	Click <a href="#">here</a> for more information	<b>November 19, 2020</b>
<b>FAA 2020 Southern Regional Airports Conference</b>	<b>Atlanta, GA</b> Click <a href="#">here</a> for additional information	<b>April 5-8, 2021</b> <b>(New Dates)</b>
<b>2021 FAC Education &amp; Training Summit</b>	<b>SAVE THE DATE</b>	<b>April 13-15, 2021</b> ←

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



### Corporate Eagle Award

Our Corporate Members are vital to our organization. Since the founding of the Florida Airport Managers Association in 1969, the aviation business community has played a key role in our success. The Corporate Eagle Award recognizes a corporate member that has gone "above and beyond the call of duty" for the Florida Airports Council, the FAC Education Foundation, its Board of Directors, and FAC committees.

This year, FAC recognizes **Mrs. Mindy Price, Chief Pace Setter, Direct Effect Solutions.** Mindy has worked with FAC since 2013, providing advice and leadership for the development of several FAC education and training programs. In partnership with FDOT and the Centre for Urban Transportation Research, Mindy worked with FAC leadership to launch the Airport Leadership Development (ALD) and Airport Situational Leadership (ASL) courses. Mindy used the research and data provided by the Transportation Research Board, Airport Cooperative Research Program (ARCP) to tailor this program for Florida aviation professionals.

Since initiating this training with Direct Effect Solutions, FAC's ALD/ASL training program has included 222 participants from 43 Florida airports and 7 participants from out-of-state airports. The interest in and success of this program is a reflection on Mindy's skills in organizational management, leadership skill building and executive leadership training. In addition, Mindy's support of FAC goes beyond this training. Mindy has participated in and supported the Training Committee since its inception, presented valuable programs at several FAC annual and specialty conferences, and has also hosted multiple webinars this year to support FAC's training program during the COVID-19 pandemic.

***THANK YOU for your dedication to the Florida Airports Council and our members.***

### ***Retiring Airport Manager and Past President, Eric Menger receives Honorary Lifetime Member recognition***

**H**onorary Lifetime Membership may be bestowed upon a retired Past President/Chairman and former members who have served multiple terms on the Board and who are no longer actively involved in airport management or in related aviation pursuits. This award reflects cumulative achievement and contribution to the Florida airport/aviation industry first, and national aviation system, if appropriate. This year, FAC is recognizing past president **Eric Menger, formally with Vero Beach Regional Airport, and now with Hanson Professional Services** - So, Eric - until you are formally retired, you won't be able to realize the full benefits of this award. 😊



Eric has more than 37 years of aviation experience as a U.S. Naval Officer (aviator) and civilian Airport Director. Most recently Eric served as the Airport Director at Vero Beach Regional Airport - an active general aviation and emerging commercial service airport. Eric served as President of the Florida Airport Managers Association (FAC) in 2007 and has been active on several FAC committees including the Facilities Committee, the GA Committee and the Education Committee. Eric also faithfully served his Country:

- ➔ Eric served in the U.S. Naval Air Reserve from 1989 until honorably retired in 2007 with the rank of Captain/O-6. Eric worked with the Office of Naval Intelligence in Maryland, during the Gulf War, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom. He also served as Deputy Reserve Intelligence Area Commander – Operations, Naval Air Reserve, Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida; Patrick Air Force Base, Cocoa Beach, Florida; and MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida.
- ➔ Eric's active duty experience was during 1981 thru 1989, U.S. Navy - Naval Aviator where he was assigned multiple operational and leadership assignments. Eric is Qualified as Aircraft Commander and Mission Commander.
- ➔ Also, Eric was a Flight Instructor at NAS Pensacola, 1987-1989 finally transitioning to Naval Air Reserve in 1989 at NAS Jacksonville.
- ➔ FAC Service - During his service on the FAC Board of Directors, Eric demonstrated outstanding leadership on the committees he guided, as the Vice President and Chairman of the State Affairs Committee and Secretary/Treasurer.
  - ⇒ Most recently, Eric has been instrumental in FAC's evaluation of changes to Florida Statutes 332.007 *Administration and financing of aviation and airport programs and projects*

***THANK YOU for your dedication to our industry and for your support of FAC.***

## AROUND THE STATE

**Pensacola International Airport expects exponential growth despite COVID-19** (Source: wkrg.com)



The Pensacola International Airport just announced its big partnership with Dulles International Airport providing connections to 16 destinations across the U.S. While PNC has been growing rapidly over the years, COVID-19 has taken a toll on its business. In 2019, the PNS had one of its best years with over 2.2 million passengers. Despite COVID-19, they hope this new partnership will help the growth keep coming.

Airport Director Matt Coughlin says, "We are climbing back and we expect to exceed that in the future, when we get there we are not sure but we will get there eventually."

In 2018 and 2019, the Pensacola International Airport saw a 16-percent growth. This is a huge increase because usually airports only see an annual three to five percent increase. However, COVID hit them hard this year. Coughlin says, "It's been a huge impact. It's been a huge impact across our

industry. Here locally we saw our numbers drop 92 percent in just a matter of a few weeks and that was devastating."

Fortunately, with a strong administrative team, the airport has climbed to about 39-percent compared to what they were doing last year. Nationally, the industry is still down about 60-percent and with the new partnership they plan on coming back stronger than ever.

"Now we have 2 different airlines to serve two different airports in Washington D.C., giving the traveler even more flexibility. So now we have American Airlines going to National DCA and now we have United that will be going to Dulles International," says Coughlin. Coughlin says he's most excited to see what this will not only do for the airport but for the rapidly progressing city of Pensacola.

"I think it brings an added service to the community. I think it will be welcomed and it will be a great opportunity," says Coughlin. While they expect to see a lot of growth, their number one concern is to always keep their passengers as safe as possible.

The director adds he has had nothing but positive feedback from the community after making the big announcement.

**A Note from the FDOT Central Office**

Since the beginning of the pandemic, the FDOT has hosted reoccurring bi-weekly COVID-19 conference calls with commercial service airports. Below is a comprehensive report of their most recent call, October 20, 2020:



**New Approach**

- Beginning November 17<sup>th</sup>, calls will occur once a month
- Calls will continue to include FL Department of Health Updates <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/>

**Topic on the October 20, 2020 call - Tampa International Airport, COVID Testing Pilot Program**

- Launched October 1, 2020 – Conclusion October 31, 2020
- Testing in Main Terminal available to all traveling passengers, 8am-2pm daily
- \$125 - Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), 48-hour results
- \$57 – Antigen, 15-minute results
- Tested conducted by BayCare
- Purpose – Help inform the national discussion on the importance of rapid, accurate and affordable testing
- Questions contact – Adam Bouchard, Director of Operations, [ABouchard@TampaAirport.com](mailto:ABouchard@TampaAirport.com)

**M-CORES**

- Multi-use Corridors of Regional Economic Significance (M-CORES) program was signed into law by Governor Ron DeSantis on May 17, 2019.
- Three task forces are conducting final meetings this week, 10/19-10/23.

- We continue to see a lot more public engagement now, with people attending both virtually and in-person.
- Each task force shall submit their reports by November 15<sup>th</sup>.  
These reports will guide the next phases of program planning.

**Budget/Work Program** - The FDOT offered an update on the status of revenue estimating and budgetary expectations:

- The August Revenue Estimating Conference projected a loss of \$1.359B of revenue thru FY 25/26.
  - The largest loss in current fiscal year (FY 20/21): \$430.61M.
  - The FY 20/21 revenue reduction equates to a loss of \$760.3M in state allocations.
- Statutes do not account for impacts we are experiencing, as \$1.1B of state funds are subject to statutory set-asides.
- FDOT is addressing impacts by temporarily pausing procurement and contractual processes. Exceptions are being granted on a case-by-case basis.

**Airport Meetings** - Over the past number of months, Secretary Thibault has conducted listening sessions and planning meetings with each commercial service airport director. Below is a summary of their input to date:

- Airports seeking flexibility in project funding, including the waiver of local matches, etc.
- Feedback collected to date has been productive and enlightening
- Goal: To better ascertain overall impacts, review projects, funding mechanisms and possible solutions
- Contact the Aviation Office to request a meeting, <https://www.fdot.gov/aviation>

**Other Items** - 2020 Florida Executive Orders

<https://www.flgov.com/2020-executive-orders/>

## FAC MEMBER NEWS

### *Newest additionS to the FAC Family!!*

Sierra Lepore has likely been one of the FAC Education Foundation's strongest and most enthusiastic supporters in recent years. It's not uncommon to see her at a fundraising event for the Foundation throughout the year, or walking around selling raffle tickets during our annual conferences.



So it is with great excitement that we share Sierra's news about the birth of her twin boys!! Beau Maddox LePore and Zane Alexander LePore were born on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:38 p.m. (Beau) and 5:39 p.m. (Zane). The family is doing well and getting into the swing of things (getting used to limited sleep at night). The boys are healthy, growing like crazy, and starting to show more and more of their personalities everyday, says Sierra.



A most heartfelt congratulations to Sierra and her family from all of us here at FAC! We can't wait to meet the boys in person one day soon!

## AROUND THE NATION

### ***The Ripple Effect of the CARES Act*** (Source: AviationPros.com)

The end of the CARES Act presents a number of immediate challenges for the aviation industry, most notably job security for thousands employed by airlines. But as Eduardo Angeles, former FAA associate administrator for airports and current managing director and senior counsel for Clark Hill, explained in a recent episode of the AviationPros Podcast, the CARES Act expiration will create a domino effect across other facets of the industry that are dependent on passenger volume.

"The ripple effects of layoffs at the airlines are absolutely dramatic," Angeles said.

Among those affected are ground handling service providers – both ground handlers employed by the airlines facing furlough and layoff decisions and third-party contractors. "There is no one that's spared in these types of travesties. Everything has a ripple effect," Angeles said. "If you're a third-party provider, whether your vendor on the airside or whether you're in the terminal, when you don't have the kind of volumes that you need to sustain your books, you're going to be impacted.

"I already know that many vendors have other contracts placed on hold and some of their contracts have been terminated outright, simply because, as I indicated, you don't see a horizon with respect to when this pandemic is going to end." Angeles did point to potentially positive result for the general aviation (GA) as passenger traffic lost in the airline sector could be redirected to FBOs.

"I think the GA community businesses, the small fixed base operators and those folks, I think their business will actually go up and improve because a redefining of what is safe to travel in, there's been a greater emphasis placed on the GA community," Angeles said. [Keep Reading...](#)

***The expiration of the CARES Act impacts thousands employed by airlines. But it will also create a domino effect across other facets of the***

### ***NBAA announces the 2020 Business Aviation Top 40 Under 40*** (Source - NBAA)

The National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) recently unveiled the 2020 Business Aviation Top 40 Under 40, which recognizes rising leaders who are driving innovation within the industry.

"In all segments of our industry, young people across the world are breaking down barriers and leading business aviation into a bright future," said NBAA president and CEO Ed Bolen. "We're privileged to shine a light on these exceptional individuals who exemplify professional success, innovative thinking and commitment to their communities."

This year's third annual Top 40 Under 40 list was selected by NBAA's Young Professionals (YoPro) Council, a group of business aviation professionals and NBAA staff liaisons working to build relationships between the industry's emerging leaders.

***Congratulations Mike Husehk, Naples Aviation Top 40 Under 40 recipient for the Airport Business Category.***

### ***FAA releases report on national plan of integrated airport systems***

FAA has released its report to Congress on the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) for fiscal years 2021 to 2025. [https://www.faa.gov/airports/planning\\_capacity/npias/current/](https://www.faa.gov/airports/planning_capacity/npias/current/)

In the report, the agency estimated that approximately \$43.6 billion is needed between 2021 and 2025 for airport projects eligible for funding under AIP, an increase of \$8.5 billion from the last report issued in 2018, which identified \$35.1 billion in necessary airport projects.

However, FAA acknowledged that its analysis was conducted without assessing impacts from the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency.

## ***General aviation and smaller airports critical now more than ever***

**Greg Pecoraro and Ed Bolen**

Guest columnists

Over the last several months, our nation has faced a global threat unlike any other. Business, industry and world leaders must make critical decisions in the context of ever-changing information about a virus that has affected millions, battered the global economy and perhaps altered the workplace environment forever.

While no industry, business or community has been left untouched by this crisis, what many news reports have missed is that aviation, including the general aviation segment, has been hit hard by the pandemic, with a resulting ripple effect on airports, businesses, farms, workers and communities – a steep challenge that will likely be with us for many years to come.

To give a sense of this potential impact, there are over 5,000 public use airports across the United States, and most passenger traffic – provided by the airlines – goes through a tiny portion of those facilities. The vast majority of airports support the mostly small aircraft that make up general aviation flights, largely conducted by local, small and mid-sized businesses. The use of these aircraft allows companies to reach far-off locations, transport critical parts and personnel, and get in front of customers at multiple locations in a single day.

These aircraft, and the airports they utilize, also support manufacturing, food production (including agricultural applications), supply-chain management, and a host of other important functions, both in this COVID moment and beyond. In fact, general aviation and airports touch virtually every industry and sector of our economy, accounting for 1.2 million jobs and \$247 billion in economic impact.

For many rural communities, these airports and aircraft are also a key lifeline supporting critical services such as medical transport, fire-fighting, law enforcement, search and rescue, public land management, border and port security and pipeline inspection. In some places, even routine delivery of donated blood relies on general aviation.

As the pandemic has spread, the need for general aviation and community airports has become all the more acute.

Humanitarian groups have been transporting personal protection equipment and other medical supplies for front-line needs, as demonstrated by the recent delivery of more than 45 tons of critical supplies to medical and community centers in the Navajo, Hopi, Zuni, White Mountain Apache and San Juan Paiute reservations in New Mexico and Arizona. In another telling illustration, volunteer pilots have also been flying COVID test samples from rural communities to labs in bigger cities to expedite results. Of course the role of general aviation in missions like these – and the need for a robust, well-maintained and federally managed system of airports – has long been understood. It's the reason more than 3,000 airports are included in the Federal Aviation Administration's National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems, designating those facilities significant to the national air transportation system, and making them eligible for federal funding, most recently through the CARES Act.

As important as these and other small airports are, the relief provided through the CARES Act is much needed, given the pandemic's devastating impact on their operations. Some small airports have seen a decline of as much as 90% in activity, as general aviation flight activity nationally was down by nearly a third in the first half of this year, when compared to the same period in 2019.

Community airports aren't aviation's only point of impact for the pandemic's wrath: general aviation aircraft deliveries were down more than 21% in the first quarter, compared to the first quarter last year.

It is vital we have a healthy and robust aviation industry, as mobility and access will be crucial to our economic recovery. Let's try to keep that in mind as we look forward to the months ahead and support general aviation – a critical part of our transportation network. Greg Pecoraro is the president and CEO of the National Association of State Aviation Officials. Ed Bolen is the president and CEO of the National Business Aviation Association.

***Airplane COVID-19 risk 'very low' with masks, other actions, report finds*** (Source: Reuters.com)

Transmission risks of COVID-19 during airline flights are very low and below other routine activities during the pandemic such as grocery shopping or going out to dinner, when using face coverings

and taking other steps, researchers at the Harvard School of Public Health said recently.

The report found transmission risks can be “reduced to very low levels through the combination of layered infection control measures.”

The report, funded by Airlines for America - a trade group representing American Airlines, United Airlines, Delta Air Lines and others - and a consortium of aircraft and equipment manufacturers and airport operators, comes as U.S. airlines lose billions of dollars a month as passenger demand remains down 65% year on year because of the coronavirus.

U.S. carriers are operating just 50% the flights they did in 2019. Some carriers have recently announced new plans to end blocking of middle seats during the pandemic. The Aviation Public Health Initiative team at Harvard recommended strategies to mitigate transmission risk on aircraft, during boarding and exiting. The report found after airlines mandated masks, boosted cleaning procedures and revised boarding procedures, “and with millions of passenger hours flown, there has been little evidence to date of onboard disease transmission.”

The report noted commercial passenger aircraft are equipped with ventilation systems that refresh cabin air on average every 2-3 minutes and removing more than 99% of particles of the size that cause SARS-CoV-2.

Researchers also found face masks significantly reduce risks of disease transmission during the COVID-19 crisis. Airlines have mandated masks, added new cleaning and implemented protocols to manage boarding and deplaning.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention this month issued a “strong recommendation” that all passengers and employees on airplanes and in airports should wear masks to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The Harvard report said risks remain that contagious pre- or asymptomatic people could be unaware and opt to fly.

The study echoes a U.S. Defense Department study released earlier this month that found the risk of exposure to the coronavirus on flights is very low.

When a seated passenger is wearing a mask, an average 0.003% of air particles within the breathing zone around a person’s head are infectious, even when every seat is occupied, it found.

**Business & Employment Opportunities**



**SARASOTA BRADENTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
SARASOTA MANATEE AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

**RFQ-01-2020-GTC  
RFQ FOR**

**PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURE/  
ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR  
GROUND TRANSPORTATION  
CENTER PROJECT**

The Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority (SMAA), henceforth referred to as "Authority", is seeking professional services to provide design, permitting, bidding, and construction phase services for the Ground Transportation Center project. The project scope will reconfigure the ground transportation area at the west end of the terminal to provide staging and pickup for Transportation Network Companies (TNCs), taxis, airport shuttles, limousines, and public transportation vehicles. The Center should include covered pickup lanes, protected pedestrian walkways, lighting, driver’s lounge with restrooms, security, and technology for access and control (possibly plate reading technology). Preliminary concept has been prepared and is included with this solicitation.

**SCHEDULE FOR SELECTION**

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|--------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. RFP Distribution                              | Oct. 23, 2020  |
| 2. Advertise the Notice (#1)                     | Oct. 28, 2020  |
| 3. Advertise the Notice (#2)                     | Nov. 4, 2020   |
| 4. <b>Non-Mandatory</b> Pre-Submittal Conference | Nov. 19, 2020  |
| 5. Deadline for Written Questions/Clarifications | Dec. 14, 2020  |
| 6. Deadline for Receipt of Proposal              | Jan. 4, 2021   |
| 7. Meeting of Short-list Committee               | Jan. 4-8, 2021 |
| 8. Notification of Short-listed Firms            | Jan. 11, 2021  |
| 9. Presentation to Board & Selection             | Jan. 25, 2021  |
| 10. Scope Preparations & Negotiations            | TBD            |

For more information, visit  
<https://srq-airport.com/bid-announcements>

DAB Gang seating reverse bid! Generic and logo'd terminal gang seating available through County of Volusia. We renovated our terminal with new tech and colors, but this is still in great shape! Specify how many seats you want in the bid response.

**For more information and to download a bid package:**

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**REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS #20-004 DESIGN TAXIWAY A REHABILITATION & RECONFIGURATION AND TAXIWAY E EXTENSION & RECONFIGURATION**



**REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS #20-005 DESIGN SERVICES - GENERAL AVIATION APRON RECONSTRUCTION & REHABILITATION**

The Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority is seeking qualified consultants to provide Professional Engineering Services for design of an extension and partial realignment of Taxiway A and Taxiway E.

The Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority is seeking qualified consultants to provide Professional Engineering Services for design of reconstruction and rehabilitation of the General Aviation Apron.

**Deadline for submittals is 4:30 p.m., Monday November 16, 2020.**

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*Interested parties should send a written request for a copy of the RFQ Package to:  
Ms. Lynn Noffsinger, Grants and Contracts Administrator  
E-mail: [lynn.noffsinger@flygainesville.com](mailto:lynn.noffsinger@flygainesville.com)*

**NOTICE  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK SERVICES (CMAR)**

Proposals, consisting of those documents and information described in the Request for Proposal (RFP), will be received by the Board of County Commissioners, Palm Beach County, Florida until **2:00 P.M.** on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2020** at the Palm Beach County Department of Airports at 846 Palm Beach International Airport, West Palm Beach, FL, 33406.



Proposal packages for the Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) services must include all requested information. This Notice, as well as all forms to be included in the submittal, can be found on the County's Vendor Self Service website at <https://pbcvssp.co.palm-beach.fl.us/webapp/vssp/AltSelfService>. A virtual Pre-Submittal Conference will be conducted on **Wednesday October 28, 2020 at 1:00 PM**. Please contact George Santos at [gsantos@pbia.org](mailto:gsantos@pbia.org) or (561) 471-7413 for information on the virtual meeting.



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL  
LEASE, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION & MANAGEMENT  
OF SOUTH T-HANGAR FACILITIES**

The City of Melbourne Airport Authority (hereinafter referred to as "Authority") seeks a competitive and qualified Development Team to enter into a long-term ground lease with the Authority for the design, construction, operation and management of new T-Hangar facilities at the Orlando Melbourne International Airport (hereinafter referred to as the "Airport"). The Airport is offering a parcel of land to be leased and developed in accordance with an agreement negotiated with Airport staff and approved by the Authority. The Development Team will collect and retain all rent from the T-Hangar tenants. The official RFP documents can be found at [www.MLBair.com](http://www.MLBair.com).



**INVITATION TO BID  
BID NO. 2020 BRAA-003  
PROJECT: Airport Road Improvements**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that Boca Raton Airport Authority will receive sealed bids from General Contractors or other qualified contractors until the hour of **2:00 PM**, Local Time, on November 25, 2020.

**Project Description:** The project includes the widening of the existing Airport Road including new roadway base and pavements, new RCP storm drainage, new tenant driveway entrance features, landscaping, and irrigation. The project also includes the demolition of existing overhead Florida Power & Light (FPL) power and poles and ATT communication systems, and replacement with new FPL underground electrical and ATT communication duct banks. Additional information may be obtained [here](#).

**Position:** Public Information Officer  
**Salary:** \$79,161 - \$126,342 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 Public Information Officer (PIO). This position acts as the Aviation Department's spokesperson for internal/external communications, overseeing all public relations, media, promotions, website, social media platforms, presentations, special events, and community outreach. The PIO will work closely with representatives from the local press, radio, and television, County and City officials, Community groups, and Airline executives to support community success and enhance goodwill toward the Airport. The PIO will be a leader in promoting a strong sense of teamwork and will act as a vital component to assist the Airport's Management team build and maintain critical strategic relationships. Due to the nature of the position, the PIO must be able to respond and act quickly to disseminate technical and sensitive information to all media platforms at a moment's notice. The PIO may be required to work non-traditional work hours, on an as needed basis, including evenings, weekends and holidays as conditions dictate to meet short deadlines. This is an exciting and unique opportunity for an energetic and motivated team player to be a part of a dynamic and fast paced organization.

For more information, and to view this posting in its entirety, click [here](#).

**Position:** Finance & Administration Manager  
**Salary:** \$73,717 - \$110,575  
**Closing:** October 30, 2020



The Finance and Administrative Manager is responsible for all financial reporting, accounting practices and budgeting processes on behalf of the organization. This role will manage the audit process, monthly financials, accounting record keeping, vendor contract compliance, accounts receivable, accounts payable, grants management, and payroll. The incumbent will identify and implement best business practices for personnel administration, lease administration, insurance and risk protection, community outreach and communication, and business development. The Finance and Administrative Manager will also be responsible for the human services and human relations activities including compensation and benefits, performance management process, onboarding, employment manual compliance, and training and development of all staff.

**Position Requirements**

Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university in Business Administration, Public Administration, Mathematics, Finance or Accounting. Five years' experience with progressive responsibility and demonstrated supervisory duties, preferably at an airport. Experience in public accounting is preferred.

Please email your resume and expression of interest to Clara Bennett, Executive Director at [clara@bocaairport.com](mailto:clara@bocaairport.com) no later than October 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Position:** Tradesworker III - Aviation & Economic Resources  
**Salary:** \$39,603.20 - \$65,083.20 Annually  
**Closing:** October 29, 2020



The County of Volusia is seeking an experienced Tradesworker III for the Aviation and Economic Resources Division. This position is located at the Daytona Beach International Airport, and will be responsible for performing all levels of repair, replacement, renovations and new electrical to include lighting, switches, receptacles, motors and various types of conduits.

For more information and to view this posting in its entirety, click [here](#).

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