

# FAC Benjamin J. Siwinski 2025 Sustainability Award



## Airport Project Sustainability Award

To recognize a Florida Airports Council member, *whether an individual, airport, or corporate business*, for planning, designing, promoting, implementing, and/or undertaking a unique and innovative sustainability project and/or program that has a net positive environmental and resiliency effect on the Florida aviation system. This award honors Ben Siwinski who was an early innovator in airport sustainability practices and a strong advocate for enhancing airport environmental resiliency in Florida and nationally. Ben lost his cancer battle in 2022 and left behind an incredible legacy of innovative sustainability initiatives and mentorship to the next generation of young professionals. *These annual awards will be presented at the FAC Annual Conference Leadership Luncheon. Winners will be notified prior to the luncheon.*

### Criteria for Selection:

1. Project or program utilizes or implements unique and innovative airport sustainability and/or resiliency practices within the Florida aviation system. Examples include, but not limited to, equipment electrification, alternative fuels, renewable energy, achieving project specific high-levels of environmental rating applications (LEED, Envision), Net Zero initiatives, climate adaptation and resiliency, and sea-level rise.
2. Project or program demonstrates a balance between environmental benefits, operational benefits, social responsibility, and financial viability.
3. Project addresses airport resiliency issues of local, regional, or state-wide concern, providing increased awareness of sustainable development best practices for project implementation, infrastructure longevity, overall airport resiliency and positive environmental impacts which may include 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 past 24 months.



## Application:

This award will be reviewed by the award selection committee chaired by VHB which includes members from FAC's Environmental Committee. The Committee has a 5-person panel consisting of three airport and two corporate members to determine the applications are complete and meet the criteria and application standards. The panel ranks the applications and selects the winner. Incomplete applications will be disqualified. No late submittals will be accepted.

## The application should contain:

Maximum of 20 pages on 8.5"x 11" sheets. The 20 pages are inclusive of all graphics (maps, photos, charts, or other drawings) and excluding the cover letter. Supplemental materials, such as videos, can be submitted via file transfer. However, the supplemental material will not be considered in the ranking process.

*The application should contain the following documents/sections:*

1. Cover sheet signed by the applicant, contact information, and the airport representative's name attending the award ceremony
2. 1-page executive summary
3. Introduction (project participants and location)
4. Project purpose
5. Project method
6. Project budget
7. Project results
8. How this project addresses the criteria (benefits to the environment, public, etc.)

Submit an electronic file in Adobe Acrobat (pdf) or MS Word file to Chuck Smith or Katie Shannon, via e-mail or file transfer/FTP to [crsmith@vhb.com](mailto:crsmith@vhb.com) and [katieshannon@vhb.com](mailto:katieshannon@vhb.com). No hard copies required.

Past Award Recipients

*2024 - Tampa International Airport*

For questions, please contact:

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**Award Submittal Deadline: June 20, 2025**

