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## **Mario Wilson of the Transportation Security Administration Named 2017 ACC Agency Best Practices Award Recipient**

**Alexandria, VA** – The Airport Consultants Council (ACC) is pleased to announce the selection of Mario Wilson, Program Manager for Passenger Screening Program at the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), for the 2017 ACC Agency Best Practices Award in recognition of his collaborative work with industry and stakeholders to bring efficient and effective baggage screening systems to U.S. airports.

The purpose of the ACC Agency Best Practices Award is to draw attention to government agency individuals who exemplify teamwork, demonstrate their understanding of effective stakeholder interface, and exhibit an ability to be flexible and innovative. The award was presented during the TSA/ACC Security Capabilities Workshop Luncheon on Wednesday, July 19, 2017.

Wilson is recognized for his work in his previous position as the TSA's Program Manager for the Electronic Baggage Screening Program. In this capacity, he consistently demonstrated the desire and ability to work collaboratively with stakeholders within the TSA, at airports and Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEMs). Wilson led his team in reviewing TSA selection and funding processes in order to streamline the way airports apply for baggage screening recapitalization and optimization programs. He has also had a keen understanding of technology capabilities.

Wilson has always been willing to meet with stakeholders, be it one-on-one or at industry meetings, to update them on TSA program goals. He has engaged stakeholders in meaningful dialogue to ensure that the goal of providing efficient and secure baggage screening systems are available at every US airport. His professionalism and willingness to listen to stakeholder input has earned him the respect of the industry.

"ACC is pleased to recognize Mario Wilson for his excellent leadership of the TSA Electronic Baggage Screening Program (EBSP), and his continued desire to interact and engage with industry," said ACC President T.J. Schulz. "Mario's efforts and leadership have resulted in more efficient and improved baggage screening systems at airports across the country."

Wilson is currently serving as Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Passenger Screening in the TSA Office of Acquisition and Program Management (OAPM).

ACC also presented the Agency Best Practices award to Karen Miles, Civil Engineering Project Manager in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Seattle Airports District Office, at the Airports Technical Workshop on June 21, 2017.

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