ACC/FAA/TSA Summer Workshop Series

JULY 15 – 16, 2009 // ARLINGTON, VA: Topics, including a new administration and agency transition, Economic Stimulus funding and disbursement, SMS at airports and emerging technologies drew attendees to the ACC/FAA/TSA Summer Workshop Series. Strong attendance and interaction reinforced the importance of this premier event as a platform for discussion between industry professionals and their agency counterparts in Washington, DC.

FAA Acting Associate Administrator for Airports Kate Lang, and TSA Acting Director, Office of Security Technology Robin Kane set the event in motion by offering unique agency perspectives concerning the consultant community’s most pressing concerns. Reflecting unprecedented collaboration, all 24 sessions featured both ACC members and agency officials.

EVENT LEADERSHIP
(Left to right) Wayne Seiler, All About Pavements, Inc., Summer Workshop Series committee vice chair; Mark Koester, Stantec Consulting, Inc., Summer Workshop Series committee chair; and Evan Futterman, Futterman Consulting, Inc., ACC 2009 Board of Directors chair.

AGENCY REPS
(Left to right) Evan Futterman, Futterman Consulting, Inc., ACC 2009 Board of Directors chair; Kate Lang, FAA; Robin Kane, TSA; and Paula Hochstetler, ACC President.

SMS-PERTS
Joanne Landry, Landry Consulting (second from left), and her panel of SMS experts (left to right) Kevin Vandeberg, Barge Waggoner Sumner & Cannon, Inc; Keri Spencer, FAA; Chet MacMillen, FAA-ATO; and Mike O’Donnell, FAA.

WATCH AND LEARN
Heidi Ann Benaman, Faith Group, LLC, provides the facts in her session, “Runway Incursion Reduction & Layout Planning.”
**ACC Agency Best Practices Award**

During the Summer Workshop Series, ACC presented the 2009 ACC Agency Best Practices Award to two Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Regional Managers: LaVerne Reid and Mark McClardy. The award recognizes agency representatives who have shown a spirit for streamlining, gone above and beyond to cooperate with stakeholders, exemplified teamwork, initiated or taken part in innovative projects, remained flexible and worked to benefit all involved.

LaVerne Reid, airports division manager of the FAA New England Region, was presented the award in recognition of her vast experience, exemplary leadership, and reliability to the consultant community to effectively improve airport development throughout the New England region.

Mark McClardy, airports division manager of the FAA Western Pacific Region, was presented the award in recognition of his commitment to open communication, common understanding and the best interests of all stakeholders in order to create positive change in FAA’s largest geographical region. McClardy was unable to attend the Summer Workshop Series. His colleague Raymond Chiang accepted the award on his behalf.

The recipients of the award are nominated by ACC members and committees.

**NEW ENGLAND’S BEST**

2009 ACC Agency Best Practices Award recipient LaVerne Reid, FAA New England Region (right); and award presenter Charlie McDermott, C&S Companies.

**Successful First Security Technology Day**

For the first time, the ACC held a Security Technology Day with the TSA that included 16 TSA panelists who discussed baggage, passenger, cargo, advanced surveillance, and other specialty areas from the Office of Security Technology (OST). Over 150 attendees were present. The TSA recognizes the need to improve technical outreach with private industry representatives and shared information on current and future security programs, spending plans and projects, and emerging technologies. Questions asked of the Director of TSA Office of Acquisitions (ACQ) and Manager of ACQ Small Business Office were particularly relevant to the industry during these challenging economic times. Clarifications made during the event included:

- **Systems Integration contract** award is imminent.
- **Engineering Services contract** is expected to be awarded by the end of FY09.
- **Test & Evaluation contract** is expected to be awarded in the 1st quarter of FY2010.
- The application process for the **EDS Baggage Screening Program (EBSP)** funding will be rolling for the foreseeable future. Funding award is determined based on an airport’s readiness to begin a project, how much the airport is willing to pay, the airport’s application package score and the airport’s Airport Prioritization Model (APM) ranking.
- **Cargo Screening Goals for equipment qualifications** include an interim list of qualified technologies to be published in September 2009; ETD, AT, and X-ray- March 2010; EDS- August 2010

This unprecedented event was held on July 17, immediately following the ACC/TSA/FAA Summer Workshop Series in Arlington, VA.

A link to the complete set of TSA notes/clarifications is expected to be provided to attendees by October 2009 and a follow-up TSA technical outreach event is expected to be held in early 2010.