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ACC President Paula Hochstetler Announces December 2013 Retirement; T.J. Schulz Named Successor

Alexandria, VA – Paula Hochstetler announced today that she will retire as president of the Airport Consultants Council (ACC) on December 31, 2013. The ACC board of directors has unanimously selected ACC Executive Vice President T.J. Schulz to succeed her as president. At the time of her departure, Hochstetler will have led ACC for more than 19 years. Prior to becoming ACC president she was a member of the ACC board of directors and served as its chair in 1992.

"It's been a pleasure serving the needs of the ACC members over the past 20 years," Hochstetler said. "My decision to retire at the end of this year was made over time and is linked to my strong belief in the importance of timely succession planning. Because I'm confident that the Council will flourish under the outstanding leadership of T.J. Schulz, I look forward to pursuing new professional and personal interests in 2014."

"Paula's contributions to ACC members and airport institutional organizations have been significant. Her legacy will continue to have a profound and positive effect on airport business long after her departure," said 2013 ACC Board of Directors Chair Andy Platz, president of Mead & Hunt, Inc. "She has listened attentively to the changing business climate of the ACC members and consistently responded with innovative and energetic solutions. We know that her enthusiasm and dedication will continue to sustain her in future endeavors."

During Hochstetler's tenure, the ACC and its membership became recognized as the technical experts by the FAA, TSA, ICAO, IATA and the greater airport industry. Many outstanding ACC services, training programs, webinars, conferences, and awards were established under her leadership, including the ACC Institute, Global Business Summit, Security Capabilities Day, and Security Manufacturers Coalition. The expanded ACC awards program draws attention to noteworthy industry colleagues via the Agency Best Practices Award, Aviation Award of Excellence, and the Excellence in Procurement Award. The ACC's annual Summer Workshop Series, ACC/AAAE Symposium, Annual Conference & Exposition continue to provide unique and invaluable networking opportunities. These dynamic programs, as well as the positions ACC has taken on critical procurement, legislative and regulatory issues, have enhanced the business and technical skills of thousands of professionals across the airport community.

Additional information concerning T.J. Schulz and the 2014 ACC staff will be announced when Schulz assumes leadership of the organization in January 2014.

The Airport Consultants Council (ACC) is the international trade association that represents private businesses involved in the development and operations of airports and related facilities. ACC is the only association that focuses exclusively on the business interests of firms with airport-related technical expertise. ACC informs its members of new trends while promoting fair competition and procurement practices that protect the industry's bottom line. Founded in 1978, ACC Headquarters is located in the Washington, D.C. area. View this release online at www.ACConline.org.

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