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Sukhbir Gill and David Sanchez from FAA New York Airports District Office (NYADO) Named Recipients of 2013 ACC Agency Best Practices Award

The Airport Consultants Council (ACC) is pleased to announce the selection of Sukhbir (**Suki**) **Gill and David Sanchez** with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) New York Airports District Office (NYADO) as recipients of the 2013 ACC Agency Best Practices Award. Gill and Sanchez were specifically recognized for streamlining processes and fostering input from stakeholders to aid the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA) in the implementation of a successful Noise Compatibility Program (NCP) at Buffalo Niagara International Airport. The award was presented during the ACC Summer Workshop Series Awards Luncheon on July 17, 2013.

Gill, an Environmental Specialist with NYADO, is being recognized for her collaboration with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) that resulted in blanket NEPA approval of the entire program. This approval helped insure a reliable funding stream for the program that allowed the NFTA to maintain a predictable pace of production for the NCP implementation. In addition, Gill's proactive approach in community relations during the project helped the NFTA maintain credibility with the community and resulted in enhanced community support for the program.

Sanchez, a Civil Engineer with NYADO, was a key strategic partner in the formulation, development and implementation of the NCP. In an era of limited AIP funding, Sanchez developed a clear and consistent funding strategy that insured a predictable pace of design and construction. In the face of challenges, Sanchez worked creatively with stakeholders to successfully achieve project goals in a timely manner.

The purpose of the 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.

"It is my honor to present the 2013 ACC Agency Best Practices Award to Suki and David," said 2013 ACC Board of Director's Chair Andy Platz, president of Mead & Hunt, Inc., who presented the award. "The membership of ACC believes that our agency partners play a vital role in the success of our industry, and we appreciate the effective partnerships that our companies have with agency representatives on the regional and local level. Suki and David's commendable efforts to creatively and proactively collaborate with stakeholders is an example for all to follow."

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