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**Tennessee Airports Honored with Awards of Excellence
*Rockwood Municipal Airport Manager Selected as Manager of the Year***

NASHVILLE – The Tennessee Department of Transportation today recognized five Tennessee airports and airport managers with Awards of Excellence in aviation. The awards were presented at the 24th Annual Tennessee Airports Conference on August 20 in Nashville. The Awards of Excellence recognize outstanding achievements and contributions to aviation in five categories: Airport of the Year, Most Improved Airport, Governing Body of the Year, Airport Manager of the Year, and Career Contributions to Aviation.

“Each of these winners is setting an example for others through their leadership, dedication, persistence and overall commitment to excellence,” said TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely.

During the ceremony Danny Collins with the Rockwood Municipal Airport was awarded the Excellence Award for Airport Manager of the Year.

TDOT Aeronautics Director Bob Woods said, “Danny Collins sets the bar for all other airport managers through his steady leadership, dedication, persistence and an overall commitment to excellence.”

The Awards of Excellence are presented each year during the Tennessee Airports Conference.

“The Aeronautics Commission recognizes the combined, cooperative and ongoing efforts of many people and groups to continue to improve our aviation industry,” said TAC Chair Ronald Cooper. “These awards, whether to an individual, organization or airport, recognize all who have contributed to the field of aviation in Tennessee.”

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