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**Tennessee Airports Honored with Awards of Excellence
*Portland Airport Authority Selected Governing Body of the Year***

NASHVILLE – The Tennessee Department of Transportation today recognized five Tennessee Airports 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 the Excellence Award for Governing Body of the Year was presented to the Portland Airport Authority for demonstrating superior leadership in the field of aviation.

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 aviation.”

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