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Cindy Hirsch of the FAA Northwest Mountain Region Airports Division Named Recipient of 2015 ACC Agency Best Practices Award

Alexandria, VA - The Airport Consultants Council (ACC) is pleased to announce the selection of Cindy Hirsch, Lead Civil Engineer and Program Manager with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Office of Airports Northwest Mountain Region Airports Division Safety and Standards Branch, as recipient of the 2015 ACC Agency Best Practices Award. Hirsch was specifically recognized for her industry contributions and partnership with the airport consultant community; for consistently being a proactive participant in projects; and for seeking ways to help the project team achieve its goals. The award was presented during the ACC Airports Technical Workshop Awards Luncheon on Thursday, July 16, 2015.

The purpose of the ACC 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.

Hirsch, a lead civil engineer and program manager for development projects, joined the FAA in November 2011 as a project manager and was in this role until 2014. She now serves as the regional subject matter expert for airport design, pavement, lighting, marking, NAVAID, and construction standards. Prior to that, Hirsch was an engineering consultant with the FAA William J. Hughes Technical Center where she beta tested the layered elastic design program that replaced the empirical methodology of pavement design, LEDFAA, now superseded by the FAARFIELD standard. She also served as a member of the committee to update Advisory Circular 150/5300-13A on Airport Design. On February 14, 2015, Hirsch was awarded the 2015 Government Engineer of the Year by the Puget Sound Engineering Council.

"It is our honor to present the 2015 ACC Agency Best Practices Award to Cindy," said 2015 ACC Board of Director's Chair Carol Lurie, Principal of VHB. "We are pleased to have Cindy as the recipient of this award, as we believe that she embodies all of the principles that this award stands for. Her leadership and commitment to solving problems in a collaborative manner has resulted in projects that save money, foster innovation, and reduce environmental impacts."

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