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Former Clark County Aviation Department Director Randy Walker Named 2013 ACC Aviation Award of Excellence Recipient

The Airport Consultants Council (ACC) is pleased to announce the selection of former Clark County Aviation Department Director Randall (Randy) H. Walker as recipient of the 2013 ACC Aviation Award of Excellence. The award will be presented on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 during the ACC Annual Conference & Exposition awards luncheon in Tucson, Arizona.

The ACC Aviation Award of Excellence is presented annually to honor the visionary, innovative contributions of an individual, group or organization that have advanced the airport and aviation industry and have served the general public good. The lifetime achievements of the recipients are also considered.

Walker was selected as the recipient of this award in recognition of his commitment to innovation, including the early adoption of state-of-the-art processes and systems; consistent completion of airport development projects on-time and within budget; and consistent accessibility and open mindedness to new ideas presented by consultants and aviation equipment and systems developers. He was also selected due to his industry leadership as chairman of ACI-NA and as a two-term board member of ACI World.

“Randy’s many achievements during his long public service career are impressive,” said ACC President Paula Hochstetler. “His open mindedness and forward thinking not only resulted in successful airport projects, but also played a vital role in shaping the future of the aviation industry and communities in southern Nevada. Randy’s dedication and leadership as one of aviation’s most well-respected individuals is an example for both aviation professionals and public officials to emulate.”

Walker held a number of municipal positions within Clark County and the City of Las Vegas before joining the Clark County Department of Aviation as deputy director in 1990. During this time, he was directly involved in the airport’s implementation of the Passenger Facility Charge program. In 1997, he was named director of aviation, overseeing the operation and expansion of the department, which includes McCarran International Airport and four general aviation airports. At the time of his appointment, Clark County was the fastest growing county in the nation. Under his leadership, McCarran International was the site of a number of successful development projects including Concourse D, the Airport Connector Tunnel, the McCarran Rent-a-Car Center, new runways and renovations. Terminal 3, the largest capital expansion project in McCarran’s history and the largest public works project ever in Nevada, was completed on-time and on-budget in a difficult economic climate and opened in June 2012.

Under Walker, McCarran also became one of the most technologically advanced airports in the nation. It was one of the first airports to implement the Common Use Terminal Equipment (CUTE) program, the first airport to implement Common Use Passenger Processing System (CUPPS) kiosks, and the first and only U.S. airport to utilize radio-frequency identification (RFID) system to track 100-percent of all outbound checked baggage.

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