



Shreveport Airport Authority

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The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has honored Shreveport Regional Airport with two awards for its efforts to promote safety and efficiency.

In addition to being named 2009 Louisiana Airport of the Year, the airport was singled out among airports in the five-state Southwest Region for an Excellence in Construction Safety award. The FAA's Southwest Region includes Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

"The aviation industry is only as successful as the leaders within the industry who make extraordinary contributions to the system," said Kelvin Solco, manager of the FAA's Southwest Region Airports Division. "Shreveport is a wonderful example of an airport authority that consistently sets ambitious goals for itself and then achieves them."

In presenting the award, FAA officials acknowledged Shreveport Airport Authority Chairman Ted Roberts and Director of Airports Roy Miller for their leadership and administration of the airport.

"The Shreveport Airport Authority board and Director of Airports Roy Miller are already well known for their leadership in the airport industry and this recognition is just another example of that fact," said Shreveport Mayor Cedric B. Glover. "These awards reflect the commitment that the entire team at the airport has for aviation and for developing and keeping Shreveport's airport system as safe as possible."

"I feel honored to be associated with an airport that has been named Airport of the Year twice in a decade," said Ted Roberts. "I want to give a lot of the credit to the administration for all of their hard work and I am very, very proud of their efforts on a daily basis."

"On behalf of the Shreveport Airport Authority, I want to thank the Mayor, the Airport Authority board and our incredible staff for winning these awards," said Director of Airports Roy H. Miller, Jr., A.A.E. "Our team also truly appreciates the support from the Federal Aviation Administration's Southwest Region Airport Development Office and the Louisiana Transportation Department Aviation Division which have provided tremendous support to Shreveport."

The Excellence in Construction Safety award is bestowed on one airport each year for going above and beyond FAA guidance during construction programs. Shreveport spent several years

planning the rehabilitation of its main runway, Runway 14/32. That work was funded with \$8.5 million in federal and state money. In choosing Shreveport, the FAA noted that the airport staff had paid particular attention to sequencing construction tasks in such a way that the airport remained open during the busiest periods of the day.

“The safety award comes thanks to a joint effort of airport staff, especially airport operations and airport police, Alliance Inc., and the project’s general contractor, Best Yet Builders,” said Mr. Miller.

Shreveport Regional is the largest airport in the Ark-La-Tex, with scheduled non-stop airline service to seven destinations and cargo service from FedEx, United Parcel Service and several smaller carriers. It has two runways, the longest of which is 8,351 feet and is home to 62 based aircraft.

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