

CONSULTANT & CONTRACTORS

Hill International, Inc., a global infrastructure project management firm, has been selected by the City of Phoenix Aviation Department to provide program management staff support services for various projects at Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX) and other regional airports. The projects, part of the City of Phoenix's Capital Improvement Program (CIP), include terminal modernization, airport development planning, and capital management. PHX currently serves over 120,000 passengers daily and has a significant economic impact. The anticipated projects under the CIP include the modernization of Terminal 4, the construction of the Terminal 3 North Concourse, the reconstruction of the West Air Cargo Apron, and the design and construction of a new taxiway. Hill International has been working with PHX for over a decade and will continue to provide project management, cost analysis, scheduling, and other support services. The company's aviation experts aim to help the Department realize these projects efficiently and cost-effectively. #1194.CON1

HOK and Hensel Phelps, in collaboration with Alaska Airlines and the Port of Seattle, have been selected to lead the modernization of Seattle-Tacoma International Airport's north main terminal. The project, known as the SEA Gateway Project, aims to revitalize the check-in lobby and promenade, expand the security checkpoint, and upgrade the baggage handling system. The partners intend to improve the airport's functionality and passenger convenience through enhancements to electrical, mechanical, plumbing, and structural elements. The new design will create an open, modern space with natural daylight, reflecting the Pacific Northwest's landscape. It will offer additional check-in options, self-service bag drops, and improved wayfinding for passengers. The construction will be carried out in phases to minimize disruptions, with completion expected by 2026. Sustainability is a key focus, aligning with the Port of Seattle's goals of reducing emissions and achieving carbon neutrality. The project aims to achieve LEED Silver certification and enhance the overall travel experience for Alaska Airlines customers. #1194.CON2

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey has selected Modern Efficient Transport and Supply LLC (METS) to build and operate an on-airport construction support facility for the USD 19 billion JFK transformation project. The facility aims to minimize disruption to neighbouring communities during the project. The METS facility will include a concrete batch plant, material crushing facility, and marine barging transport facility. The concrete batch plant will source supplies from local suppliers and provide concrete for the construction of terminals, roads, parking garages, and other infrastructure at JFK. METS has committed to using Port Authority-certified MBE firms for trucking and will prioritize local hiring and workforce development opportunities. The marine transport facility will use water access to JFK and responsibly recycle construction debris. The JFK transformation project will replace six old terminals with four modern ones and upgrade the airport's road network over the next four to five years. The construction support facility aims to minimize disruption to the local community and foster economic growth and job opportunities. #1194.CON3

The Concelex company has signed a contract for the "Extension and Modernization of the Passenger Terminal at Maramures International Airport" in Romania. The new terminal will cover a total area of 12,209 m², with 6,706 m² on the ground floor and 5,070 m² allocated for access and carport. The investments proposed for this project aim to significantly increase air traffic at Maramures International Airport while improving the safety of air operations. The development of the airport's infrastructure will contribute to the sustainable economic growth of Maramures County

and the North-West Region. It will also enhance the accessibility of the area, facilitating efficient and rapid movement for local residents and visitors. The upgraded airport will offer a greater number of direct flights to a wider range of destinations in Europe, meeting the standards of a European international airport.

The Master Credit/Investor for the project is the Maramures County Council, with the R.A. "MARAMURES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT" serving as the secondary or tertiary credit computer. The investment will benefit the R.A. "MARAMURES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT" as the designated beneficiary. #1194.CON4

IC İċtaş İnşaat and its partner Al Rashid Trading & Contracting Company (RTCC) won the tender for the new engineering and construction of King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh (Saudi Arabia). Within the scope of the project, IC İċtaş İnşaat will undertake the reconstruction of Terminals 1 and 2 and the connection terminals. IC İċtaş İnşaat, with its partner RTCC, completed the engineering and construction works of the 3rd and 4th terminals of the same airport last year. The project is scheduled to be completed in 24 months. #1194.CON5

Oman Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) is expected to award the consultancy contract for feasibility study, masterplan and concept design for the development of Ras al Hadd Airport in Ash Sharqiyah region in the third quarter 2023, Zawya.com reported.

"The bid submission is currently ongoing," a source aware of the project details told Zawya Projects. The tender was issued on 14 March 2023 and the end-date for pre-bid clarification was 25 May 2023, according to Oman Tender Board notice.

"The commercial bid submission date is scheduled on 20 June. The contract award is expected by August 2023," the source said.

The bidders list includes ADP Ingénierie Dubai Branch; Khatib & Alami and Partners; Dar Al-Handasah Engineering Company; Renardet SA and Partners Consulting Engineers; ECG Engineering Consultants Group; Dar Al Omran Architecture & Engineering Consultants; LEA Associates South Asia; Al Manarah Engineering Consultancy; Flughafen München; ALG Global Infrastructure Advisors; Ibrahim Jaidah Architects and Engineers (IJAE); UNStudio Middle East; AZD Engineering Consultancy; One Works DMCC; AAW Consulting Engineers & Partners; IDOM Consulting, Engineering & Architecture, and Técnica y Proyectos, according to officials from eight companies.

CAA intends to invite consultancy services to provide feasibility study, masterplan and concept design by analysing accurate and up-to-date data of the existing airport and proposals for further development including but not limited to MRO, cargo, hotels facilities, commercial and mixed-use developments. The expansion project is slated for completion by the fourth quarter 2027, a second source told Zawya Projects, adding that his estimate of the project cost is USD 250 million. #1194.CON6

The government of Bangladesh has appointed BRTC and BUET as consultants for carrying out a detailed feasibility study and cost estimate for expansion of the runway of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport from 3,200 metres to 3,658 metres. #1194.CON7

PT Waskita Karya (Persero) Tbk (WSKT), a state-owned Indonesian construction company, has been appointed to develop the Presidente Nicolau Lobato International Airport, I Timor Leste. The project is valued at USD 72.6 million, funded by the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The project is expected to be completed in 974 days.

The scope of the project includes extending the runway from 1,900 to 2,100 meters, including the construction of a Runway End Safety Area (RESA) of at least 90 meters on each side. Additionally,

Waskita Karya will build a taxiway, apron, and an Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) to expand the airport facilities. #1194.CON8

A consortium that includes a unit of China CAMC Engineering landed a RMB 38.2 million (USD 5.4 million) contract to provide design and surveying services for the first phase of Shenzhen Airport's China Southern Airlines base. The contract was signed between CAMC unit China Zhongyuan International Engineering, consortium partner Shenzhen Survey and Mapping Institute (Group), and the contracting party, China Southern Airlines Group Shenzhen, a unit of China Southern. China Zhongyuan will undertake the engineering design services, encompassing various stages such as comprehensive detailed planning, constructive detailed planning, conceptual design, preliminary design, construction drawing design, and completed drawing preparation for the project. #1194.CON9

Partnerships and agreements

A groundbreaking initiative aimed at providing comprehensive professional training for aviation regulators and senior and mid-level managers has been established through a partnership between ICAO, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU), Korea Aerospace University (KAU), and Incheon International Airport Corporation (IIAC). The agreement was signed at the ICAO Global Implementation Support Symposium in Seoul, Republic of Korea, and marks the creation of the "Global Aviation Professional Programme (GAPP)."

The GAPP initiative will deliver a transformative learning experience by harnessing the collective knowledge and expertise of the partners. This collaboration between ICAO, academia, and industry represents a significant milestone in aviation education and training. The programme will offer a dynamic curriculum covering a wide range of critical aviation topics, making it the first of its kind to combine ICAO standards, academia, and industry expertise.

Participants in the programme will gain a profound understanding of ICAO Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs), enabling them to effectively manage aviation issues and implement industry best practices. The programme aims to enhance the competencies of aviation professionals and support States in ensuring the highest standards of civil aviation regulation.

ICAO Secretary General Juan Carlos Salazar expressed his enthusiasm for the Global Aviation Professional Programme, stating that it represents a significant milestone in the continuous efforts to enhance the competencies of aviation professionals. He highlighted the power of partnerships and emphasized ICAO's commitment to fostering a culture of continuous learning and improvement in the aviation sector.

The GAPP will provide an inclusive and diverse learning environment, welcoming aviation professionals and regulators from around the world. Participants will have the opportunity to engage with renowned academic experts, industry leaders, and fellow professionals, fostering a global community of practice focused on promoting the highest standards of aviation safety, security, and efficiency.

In the coming months, further details and registration information for the programme will be made available on its dedicated website, which will be launched soon. #1194.CON10

Shenzhen Airport and Brussels Airport have recently signed a Sister Airport Relationship agreement with the aim of exchanging proven methods in the high-tech industry and B2B e-commerce. This partnership is set to strengthen the cargo competencies of both airports and enhance connectivity between China and Belgium.

The agreement signifies a significant step towards fostering collaboration and knowledge-sharing between the two airports. By leveraging their respective expertise, Shenzhen Airport and Brussels Airport can explore innovative approaches to advance the high-tech industry and B2B e-commerce.

The primary focus of this collaboration is to enhance the cargo capabilities of both airports. By sharing best practices and insights, they aim to optimize the efficiency and effectiveness of their cargo operations, ultimately providing improved services to their customers. This partnership also seeks to facilitate the seamless movement of goods between China and Belgium, contributing to the growth of trade and connectivity between the two nations.

The Sister Airport Relationship agreement between Shenzhen Airport and Brussels Airport represents a valuable opportunity for mutual learning and cooperation. It paves the way for an exchange of ideas, technologies, and strategies that will benefit not only the airports but also the broader aviation industry. Both parties are looking forward to the positive outcomes and the potential for future collaborations as they work towards enhancing their cargo competencies and promoting stronger connections between China and Belgium. #1194.CON11

Environment & Sustainability

KHN-Haarlemmermeer, Amsterdam Airport Schiphol, and Haarlemmermeer municipality have unveiled their vision for a clean and efficient Airport-hotel shuttle service. The parties believe that this transportation solution will enhance the travel experience for passengers and hotel guests, improve the local quality of life, and contribute to reducing fossil fuel use and CO2 emissions in Haarlemmermeer.

Based on successful prior collaboration, the three entities will now conduct further research, secure funding, and develop the technical aspects of the system. Instead of individual hotel shuttle services, the airport hotels near Schiphol will join forces and operate a shared shuttle service. Amsterdam Airport Schiphol will support this initiative by providing a dedicated bus stop. Currently, 28 hotels are part of the Airport-hotel shuttle network.

The new bus station, located near Schiphol's arrival passage, will only be accessible to zero-emission Airport-hotel shuttle buses. Non-participating buses will have a separate entry and exit point located 200 meters away. This arrangement aims to incentivize hotel shuttle buses to join the emission-free system. This agreement replaces the existing concession system for Airport-hotel shuttles and aligns with Schiphol's goal of becoming an emission-free airport by 2030. The shuttle system also contributes to the reduction of nitrogen emissions and fossil fuel consumption, while simultaneously enhancing the local quality of life. #1194.CON12

Global airport operator, Fraport, continues to invest in green wind energy, signing a new Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with the European energy services and solutions provider Centrica Energy Trading A/S. The deal will provide Frankfurt Airport with annual wind energy volumes of around 63 gigawatt hours, starting this July.

The energy will come from a newly built wind farm with a total capacity of 22 megawatts located on the German mainland near Bremerhaven on the North Sea coast. The contract will initially run for five years. From 2026, Fraport's energy mix will mainly be drawn from renewable energy sources, thanks to an existing major PPA which will supply 85 megawatts of output.

The new Power Purchase Agreement with Centrica will supplement a similar smaller PPA signed in 2021, under which Fraport purchased wind energy for the first time.

Fraport's energy mix increasingly consists of renewable sources. Particularly the use of solar and wind energy will contribute to lower the company's carbon emissions at Frankfurt Airport to 50,000 metric tons by 2030.

This represents a 78% reduction over 1990 levels, the base year under international climate agreements. Fraport's climate protection strategy rules out the use of offsetting measures. #1194.CON13

Sydney Airport, recognizing the challenges posed by global warming, is committed to supporting the aviation industry in its efforts to decarbonize. The airport considers developing a sustainable aviation fuel industry in Australia as the most urgent priority for the aviation sector. It praises the establishment of the Jet Zero Council by the Federal Government and looks forward to participating in the council. Additionally, protecting and regenerating the surrounding ecosystem is a key focus for the airport.

In celebration of World Environment Day, Sydney Airport has provided \$200,000 in funding to Bayside Council for landscaping in Sir Joseph Banks Park. This initiative aims to increase the tree canopy and create new wildlife habitats. The funding comes from the joint Sydney Airport – Bayside Council Community and Environmental Projects Fund, which receives over USD 1 million annually from the airport. Bush regeneration works in the wetlands near the airport have been ongoing since 1999, with the recent planting of over 10,000 native trees, shrubs, and grasses in Engine Ponds East.

Regarding emissions reduction, Sydney Airport is on track to achieve net-zero emissions by 2030. Progress has been made in reducing both 'Scope 1' emissions from the airport's vehicle fleet and natural gas use, as well as 'Scope 2' emissions from electricity supply. The airport aims to reduce 'Scope 3' emissions from ground operations by 50% by 2025. It is also working towards sourcing 100% renewable electricity by 2025.

Sydney Airport's Co-Head of Safety, Sustainability, and Environment, Jake Atkins, highlights the significance of the Botany Wetlands and the responsibility the airport holds in their conservation. Energy efficiency projects have been implemented, such as the installation of LED lights in car parks and terminals, with plans for additional installations. The airport is collaborating with airlines and ground handlers to increase the use of ground power, pre-conditioned air, and electrification of ground service equipment fleets. The airport aims to enhance operational efficiency and reduce carbon emissions. Consultations with the Australian Government and the community are ongoing to review the Demand Management Scheme at Sydney Airport and explore further improvements.

Sydney Airport serves as Australia's international gateway and is an integral part of the country's domestic aviation network. It plays a vital role in Sydney's social and economic landscape, supporting a significant number of jobs and contributing to economic activity. #1194.CON14

The Hydrogen Flight Alliance (HFA) has been launched in Brisbane, Australia, with the goal of ensuring the country's leading role in the aviation industry's transition to net-zero emissions by 2050. The alliance's initial focus is to enable Australia's first commercial hydrogen-powered flight between Brisbane Airport and Gladstone Airport in 2026. Skytrans Airlines will operate the route using a 15-seat Stralis B1900D-HE aircraft that emits only water vapor from its tailpipe. Brisbane and Gladstone have existing green hydrogen projects, making them ideal locations for launching hydrogen-electric aircraft routes.

Stralis Aircraft, a member of the HFA, will conduct flight testing of its hydrogen-electric-powered 6-seat Beechcraft Bonanza demonstrator aircraft in early 2024 in Southeast Queensland. The alliance aims to gain real-world experience in operating and refuelling hydrogen aircraft through these flights.

The HFA brings together various Australian organizations to develop the hydrogen flight ecosystem required for the operation of emission-free aircraft. The alliance's members include Stralis Aircraft, Skytrans Airlines, Brisbane Airport, Gladstone Airport, Aviation Australia, BOC (a Linde Company), H2 Energy Company (h2ec), Griffith University, and Central Queensland University.

Brisbane has plans to host the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games as a climate-positive event, and the HFA aims to contribute to this vision by enabling emission-free aircraft transportation for athletes during the games.

While green hydrogen has the potential to decarbonize air travel, challenges related to its availability at scale, cost, and airport infrastructure need to be addressed. The HFA aims to leverage its diverse expertise to make progress in these areas. The alliance will establish a clean technology innovation hub in Queensland, generating jobs, training programs, and emission-free aircraft manufacturing. Commercial hydrogen-electric aircraft will undergo design, testing, and certification by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) to ensure the same level of safety as conventional aircraft. The article also highlights the importance of government incentives to support emission reduction technology industries and keep Australia competitive in decarbonization efforts, citing the Inflation Reduction Act in the USA as an example. #1194.CON15

Airport Carbon Accreditation is celebrating a significant milestone in its mission to decarbonize the airport industry, as over 500 airports worldwide have now been certified under the program. These airports have successfully met the program's rigorous accreditation requirements, demonstrating their commitment to carbon management.

Originally launched in 2009 by ACI EUROPE, the program started with just 17 pioneering airports achieving accreditation. Over time, Airport Carbon Accreditation has emerged as the global standard for airport carbon management. The achievement of reaching 500 certified airports is a testament to the program's continued strength and relevance in facilitating concrete and performance-driven climate action in the airport industry. The program plays a vital role in helping airports progress towards their commitment of achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

The program has achieved several milestones in recent years. In 2019, ACI EUROPE made a pioneering commitment for all European airports to achieve net zero CO₂ emissions by 2050, and this was followed by a similar resolution at the global level in 2021. The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) also adopted a landmark Long-Term Aspirational Goal in October 2022, binding the global aviation industry to the net zero carbon goal.

To address these developments, the Airport Carbon Accreditation framework expanded in October 2020 to include two new levels: Level 4 'Transformation' and Level 4+ 'Transition'. Despite the challenging circumstances posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, airports worldwide have eagerly embraced these new levels. #1194.CON16

Currently, 63 airports have achieved Airport Carbon Accreditation certification at Levels 4 or 4+. Noteworthy achievements in 2023 include Bengaluru International Airport and Copenhagen Airport attaining Level 4+ certification, as well as Hawke's Bay Airport in New Zealand and the ten Portuguese airports managed by VINCI Airports, including Lisbon, aligning with the Paris Agreement.

Furthermore, several airports have achieved Level 4 certification, including Hong Kong International Airport, Brisbane Airport, and Newcastle Airport in Australia. These achievements have contributed to reaching the milestone of 500 certified airports.

The recent growth in certified airports is the result of a widespread commitment across various levels of the program's framework. The most recent additions to Airport Carbon Accreditation in each world region include Pierrefonds Airport in La Réunion (Africa), Newcastle Airport in Australia (Asia-Pacific), Birmingham Airport in the UK (Europe), Luis Munoz Marin International Airport in Puerto Rico (Latin America & the Caribbean), and Boston Logan International Airport in the US (North America). #1194.CON17

Thailand is planning to transform Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi Airport, the Kingdom's main international gateway, into a prototype green airport in four years by developing renewable energy use in the flagship facility. Kirati Kitmanawat, Chief Executive Officer off Airports of Thailand

(AoT), said that his company is aiming to reduce electricity costs by between 20 and 30 percent by the end of the four-year period. It will accomplish this by installing more renewable energy sources and systems in the Kingdom's largest airport.

The plan corresponds to national goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other commitments in line with the Paris Climate Accords. Thailand is already the leader in Southeast Asia in energy generated from solar and wind sources and is looking to increase renewable energy production. Kirati added that while airports in other parts of the world have successfully integrated renewable energy into their operations, Thailand has already made a start on this.

AoT has already installed solar panels on the roof of Suvarnabhumi's main terminal and will be adding more photovoltaic power to support a renewable energy system. The airport is in the midst of a several-phase expansion plan that eventually will boost its capacity to over 100 million passengers a year. When it opened in 2006, Suvarnabhumi had a capacity of 45 million passengers a year.

AoT is in talks with various partners to work out how to increase renewable energy at the airport. Partners include District Cooling System and Power Plant Co., a joint venture between the Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand, PTT Plc and the Metropolitan Electricity Authority.

After the renewable energy project is firmly underway at Suvarnabhumi Airport, Kirati said that AoT will begin similar conversions at five other airports that it operates. #1194.CON18

Airports Council International (ACI) World is launching a project to facilitate airports' access to green financing.

The initiative aims to establish clear guidelines and criteria that will simplify the evaluation process for banks and investors, making it easier for airports to secure funds for sustainable projects. ACI World plans to develop applicable standards specifically for airports to assist them in accessing green finance for necessary investments. The project will involve collaboration with external consultants, banks, and standard-setting bodies, and is expected to take around 18 months to complete. ACI World also intends to unveil a partnership with the World Economic Forum to promote the concept of airports as energy hubs, with a focus on renewable energy production. The project, called "Airports of Tomorrow," aims to transform airports into energy hubs and involves various stakeholders in the aviation and energy sectors. #1194.CON19

SAF & HYDROGEN

Birmingham airport has teamed up with green tech company ZeroAvia in the hope of rolling out domestic flights powered by hydrogen-electric engines by 2025.

ZeroAvia is currently working on a zero-emission system powered by a hydrogen-electric engine. This type of tech harnesses hydrogen in fuel cells to generate electricity, which is then used to power electric motors to turn the aircraft's propellers. The only emission is water.

The new system would be capable of flying 20-seat aircraft 300 nautical miles by 2025. ZeroAvia has already debuted a prototype hydrogen-electric engine for aircraft, which was successfully test-flown at its base in Kemble, Gloucestershire, in January this year.

This news paves the way for the on-airfield hydrogen refuelling and zero-emission domestic passenger flights, with green air travel from Birmingham to destinations such as Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen, Belfast, Isle of Man and Dublin a potential reality by the middle of this decade. ZeroAvia is also aiming to produce an emissions-free engine for 80-seat aircraft, flying up to 700 nautical miles by 2027 and achieving distances of up to 1000 nautical miles soon after.

For Birmingham airport (BHX), the partnership with ZeroAvia sits alongside its own journey to become a net-zero-carbon airport by 2033, as outlined in its 'carbon roadmap' published in 2022.

The airport plans to use an area on its airfield for hydrogen refuelling infrastructure, testing and operations. #1194.CON20

Malaysian Aviation Group (MAG) and Petronas Dagangan have signed an agreement to develop sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) in Malaysia. Petronas Dagangan will supply over 230,000 tonnes of SAF to MAG's airlines, including Malaysia Airlines, Firefly, and MASwings. The first delivery is expected in 2027 at Kuala Lumpur International Airport. MAG aims to gradually introduce SAF on selected scheduled services from 2027 onwards. The SAF will be produced at Petronas' co-processing plant in Malacca. This partnership reflects the commitment of both companies to promote sustainable practices in the aviation industry. #1194.CON21

Names

Sonia Corrochano, the current director of Josep Tarradellas Barcelona-El Prat Airport, has been appointed as the Director of Airport Planning and Regulatory Control at the General Directorate of Airports of Aena, according to an official press release by Aena.

In her new role, Corrochano will be responsible for the planning of all airports within the network. She will also lead the actions that will be carried out regarding the future of Josep Tarradellas Barcelona-El Prat Airport. Starting from July 1, Eva Valenzuela will take over as the director of the Barcelona airport, replacing Corrochano.

Sonia Corrochano is an aeronautical engineer from the Polytechnic University of Madrid. She has completed the General Management Program at IESE and holds a master's degree in international Cooperation and Technologies Applied to Human Development from UOC.

Corrochano has been serving as the director of Josep Tarradellas Barcelona-El Prat Airport since March 2012. Prior to that, since joining Aena in 2002, she has held various responsibilities in the operations area of the airport and in the management of the Barcelona Plan, including the Operations Division (2011-2012) and the Operations Management Department (2007-2011).

Valenzuela has 20 years of experience in the airport sector. She began her career at Aena in 2006 at Palma de Mallorca Airport, where she held various responsibilities. After her last professional challenge outside of Spain as the Director of Operations at the ADP Group (Aéroports de Paris) and Deputy General Director of ADP International since August 2020, she is now returning to Aena. #1194.CON22

The Halifax International Airport Authority (Canada) has appointed John S. Fitzpatrick as the chair of its board. Fitzpatrick is a senior partner at BoyneClarke LLP, where he is the chair of the firm's Creditor Practice Group. He was appointed Queen's Counsel (now King's Counsel) in 2008 and, according to the HIAA, has "significant community board governance experience."

Fitzpatrick served for 19 years on the Saint Mary's University Board of Governors, including four years as Board Chair. He is a past board member, and Governance Committee Chair and serves as a director of the Dartmouth General Hospital Foundation. Before his appointment as board chair, Fitzpatrick had been a member of the board since 2014. He was formerly the Chair of HIAA's Capital Projects Committee.

He replaced outgoing Board Chair Stephen Dempsey, who had been a member of the board for 12 years. Along with Fitzpatrick's appointment as chair, Jackie Poirier also joined the HIAA board as a nominee of the Halifax Regional Municipality. #1194.CON23

The Hong Kong Government has announced the reappointment and appointment of members to the Airport Authority Hong Kong (AA), effective from 1 June 2023. Mr. Jack So Chak-kwong has been reappointed as the AA Chairman for one year until May 31, 2024. Three serving members, namely Mr Rock Chen Chung-nin, Ms. Irene Chow Man-ling, and Dr William Wong Ming-fung, SC, have been reappointed for three years until May 31, 2026. Additionally, Mr Stephen Yiu Kin-wah has been appointed as a new member for the same three-year term.

Mr. Stuart Thomson Gulliver and Ms. Nisa Bernice Leung Wing-yu will be leaving the AA. The Secretary for Transport and Logistics, Mr. Lam Sai-hung, expressed his gratitude to the departing members for their valuable advice and contributions to the AA's work during their tenure. The appointments of the Chairman and members are made by the Chief Executive in accordance with the Airport Authority Ordinance. #1194.CON24

Aviation architect Julie Wienberg has joined architecture and design firm Perkins&Will to oversee airport planning and design services. Wienberg, who is based in Perkins&Will's Denver studio, brings 26 years of experience in the planning, design and management of complex aviation and transportation projects across the country, including the development, integration and delivery of new terminals, concourses and expansions. She has served as lead architect and technical advisor, with responsibilities ranging from project development and procurement to project management and stakeholder dialog facilitation. She has also been a member of the board of directors for the Airports Consultants Council (ACC) since December 2022.

Among Wienberg's past clients are Austin-Bergstrom International Airport in Texas, Chicago O'Hare International Airport in Illinois, Denver International Airport in Colorado, Des Moines International Airport in Iowa, George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Texas, Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport in Arizona, San Diego International Airport in California, Tampa International Airport in Florida, Tucson International Airport in Arizona, United Airlines, and Wichita Dwight D Eisenhower National Airport in Kansas.

Wienberg's arrival coincides with the second instalment of federal grant funding to US airports under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which provides US\$5bn over five years to improve the nation's aging airport infrastructure. This, combined with its expectation that domestic air traffic will swell beyond pre-pandemic levels in 2023, had led Perkins&Will to conclude that its aviation services are poised for rapid growth. #1194.CON25

The American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) has elected its leaders for 2023-2024 during the 95th Annual AAAE Conference & Exposition in Denver. Perry Miller, President & CEO of Richmond International Airport, has assumed the role of Chair for the organization. AAAE, founded in 1928, is the largest professional organization representing individuals working at public-use commercial and general aviation airports.

Other appointments to the Association's Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and Policy Review Council were also announced. The elected leaders are esteemed airport professionals who have demonstrated dedication and expertise in their field. They will play a crucial role in guiding the association and the airport profession. Perry Miller succeeds Mark Gale as Chair, while Larry Krauter and Todd Hauptli assume the positions of Second Past Chair and AAAE President and CEO, respectively. Other elected members of the Executive Committee include Rick Crider as First Vice Chair, Rebecca Hupp as Second Vice Chair, and Marshall Stevens as Secretary/Treasurer. #1194.CON26

Jason Waters has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Perth Airport in Western Australia. Waters brings extensive leadership experience from his previous CEO roles at organizations such as the Perth Mint, Synergy, and Verve Australia. The Chairman of Perth Airport, Rob Cole, believes Waters has the necessary skills and background to guide the airport through its next phase of growth. Waters is recognized for his strategic focus, ability to deliver results in challenging business environments, and commitment to people and culture. Perth Airport is a diverse business encompassing aviation, ground transport, retail, and property operations. Waters will leverage his strategic insights to collaborate with airline partners and stakeholders, drive aviation growth in Western Australia, and

oversee major projects, including the construction of Perth's New Runway and the consolidation of all flights into the Airport Central precinct. Waters is expected to assume his new role later this year, while Kate Holsgrove will continue serving as Acting CEO in the interim. Waters expressed his excitement about leading the airport and working with the team to unlock its full potential and contribute to the growth of Western Australia's economy. #1194.CON27

Awards

LaGuardia Airport's new Terminal B has received both LEED v4 Gold Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council and the Platinum Envision Award from the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure. These certifications validate that the sustainability commitments made during the design phase of the USD 4 billion redevelopment project were carried through during construction. LEED v4 Gold Certification recognizes sustainable design and construction, while the Envision Award assesses sustainability in various areas. Terminal B achieved LEED v4 Gold Certification for the arrivals and departures hall, concourses, pedestrian bridges, and central heating and refrigeration plant. The Platinum Envision Award was granted following a post-construction review, making Terminal B the first project to complete such a review since Envision v3 was launched. The airport's sustainability efforts include energy efficiency, water conservation, use of low-emitting materials, recycling, and reduced emissions. The project aligns with the Port Authority's goal of achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2050 and highlights the importance of sustainable infrastructure development. #1194.CON28

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