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MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

May 5, 6, 7 & 8, 2025

Embassy Suites by Hilton Denton Convention Center

3100 Town Center Trail

Denton, Texas 76201



Conference Registration

Pre-registration is recommended and will help us in planning and preparing a better conference. If you pre-register, your name tag and program packet will be ready when you arrive at the hotel. The fee is \$450 through April 7, 2025. **A \$100 late fee will be added to registrations received after April 7, 2025.** You are encouraged to register online.

TTI Event Management & Planning cannot invoice. The conference is a credit card only event. No checks will be accepted when registering online or onsite.

Only cancellations received in writing by Event Management and Planning (EM&P) by 5:00 p.m. CST on April 4, 2025, will be refunded, less a \$50 handling fee. No refunds will be issued after this date. **The last day to register online is April 18, 2025.** The registration fee covers conference handouts, break refreshments, Monday's Get Acquainted Reception, and all meals during the conference including Tuesday and Wednesday's lunch.

Special Activities

The Texas Airports Council 2025 Golf Tournament registration is now open. Please feel free to spread the word and invite others to register and join. All proceeds from the tournament will go to support the TAC Scholarship and Professional Development Program.

Monday, May 5, 2025

9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start / Four Person Scramble

Lake Park Golf Course

6 Lake Park Road

Lewisville, TX 75057

A Get Acquainted Reception is planned for Monday from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Special Needs

In compliance with ADA requirements, participants with special needs can be reasonably accommodated by contacting EM&P at 979-862-1219 or toll free at 888-550-5577, at least 5 working days prior to the conference.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Aviation Division at 1-800-68-PILOT.

2025 Texas Aviation Conference Program
Embassy Suites, Denton TX
May 5-8, 2025

MONDAY MAY 5, 2025

- 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** **Texas Airports Council Annual Golf Tournament**
- 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** **Exhibitor Setup**
- 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** **Registration/Check-In**
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.** **TxDOT RAMP Coordinators Site Visit**
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** **New Participant Orientation**
Facilitator: Becky Vick, TxDOT, Aviation

If you are attending for the first time, traveling solo, or want the chance to meet other attendees before the Get-Acquainted Reception begins, we urge you to attend the New Participant Orientation. Attending a conference for the first time can be a bit overwhelming. This orientation will provide an opportunity for attendees to meet friendly faces before the conference begins. This is an informal event on Wednesday evening, before the opening reception in the exhibit hall.

- 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** **Exhibits Open (*Kincaid*)**
- 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** **Get Acquainted Reception (*Exhibit Hall*)**
- 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** **Dinner and Networking (on your own)**

TUESDAY MAY 6, 2025

- 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** **Registration Desk Open**
- 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.** **Breakfast in Exhibit Hall (*Kincaid/ Pioneer*)**
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.** **Opening Session (*Eagles/ Chilton*)**
- Presentation of Colors** *Air Force JROTC (TX-962), Denton High School*
- National Anthem** *Sabrina Frost*
Sr. Music Therapy Student
Texas Women University
- Welcoming Comments**
Dan Harmon, Director, TxDOT, Aviation Division
Major Hudspeth, City of Denton
- Introduction of Aviation Advisory Committee**
- State of the Aviation Division Address**

Dan Harmon, Director, TxDOT, Aviation Division

9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Legislative Update
TBD

10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Break (*Kincaid/ Pioneer*)

10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Washington Update (*Eagles/ Chilton*)
Greg Pecoraro,
President and CEO, National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO)

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. System Plan Update and Economic Impact Study Announcement
Mollie Knowles, TxDOT, Aviation Division
Daniel Benson, TxDOT, Aviation Division

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Plated Luncheon (*Eagles/ Chilton*)

Art Contest Awards sponsored by NBAA

Texas Advisory Committee Aviation Awards Program

- National/Regional Airport of the Year
- Local/Basic/Unclassified Airport of the Year
- State Airport of the Year
- Airport Professional of the Year
- Airport Project of the Year
- Aviation Educator of the Year (K-12)
- RAMP Coordinator of the Year

Afternoon Breakout Sessions

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

I: Aviation Education I (*Triangle Ballroom*)
Moderator: Dana Donati, Breaking Down Barriers
Kelly Filgo, Choose Aerospace
Bre Hodges, Women in Aviation
Steve Poston, Federal Aviation Administration
Mark Kirk, Granbury High School

II: Airport Construction from a Contractor's Perspective (*Palomino/ Arabian*)
Moderator: Ed Mayle, TxDOT, Aviation Division
AGC Panel

III: Airport 101 A: Airport Layout Plans (*Appaloosa/ Quarter*)
Ben Breck, TxDOT Aviation Division

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Break

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

I: Aviation Education II (*Triangle Ballroom*)

Moderator: Jeff Borowiec, Ph.D.

Mr. James Clinton Grant, BS, MBA, Director, Texas Women's University

Mr. Allen Wilson, Aviation Program Director, Stephen F. Austin State University

Dr. Felix Quayson, B.A.A.S. Program coordinator, Texas State University

Angel Newhart, Director of Alignment, Texas State Technical College

II: Airport Consultant Session (*Palomino/ Arabian*)

Moderator: Eusebio Torres, Director of Engineering, TxDOT, Aviation Division

TxDOT Aviation Engineering Section

III: Airport 101 B: Lease Agreements (*Appaloosa/ Quarter*)

Moderator: Christian Cox, TxDOT, Aviation Division

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Texas Airports Council Annual Meeting and Elections (*Triangle Ballroom*)

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Social in Exhibit Hall

WEDNESDAY MAY 7, 2025

7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Registration Desk Open

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast in Exhibit Hall (*Kincaid/ Pioneer*)

8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Agency Update (*Eagles/ Chilton*)

9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Compliance

Panel discussion led by Stephanie Kleiber, Director of Planning and Programming, TxDOT, Aviation Division

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Why Your Airport Needs an AWOS: From a Meteorologist's Perspective, Things You Need to Know

Victor Murphy, Surface Observation Manager/Climate Focal Point, National Weather Service

Troy Kimmel, Senior Lecturer (Retired), Department of Geography and the Environment, University of Texas at Austin, Incident Response Meteorologist, Q2/Austin FC Soccer

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Break (*Exhibit Hall*)

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Keynote Speaker (*Eagles/ Chilton*)

Darren Pleasance, President and Chief Executive, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch Buffet (*Eagles/ Chilton*)

Afternoon Breakout Sessions

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

I: Advancing/Emerging Technologies I (*Triangle Ballroom*)
Moderator: Ernest Huffman, NCTCOG
Joshua Gordon, Zipline
Kendal Prosack, Wing
Amit Regev, Flytrex

II: Spec Book and RPR Training Updates (*Palomino/ Arabian*)
Moderator: TBA
Sheri E. Hollaway PE, Hollaway Consulting Engineers, LLC
Tom Hart PE, Woolpert

III: HUB/DBE/Title VI (*Appaloosa/ Quarter*)
Eli Lopez, TxDOT, Aviation Division
Shaun Bouy, DBE/ACDBE Specialist, FAA
Sherri Anderson-Beasley, SW Region Title VI/ADA/Sec.504, FAA

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Break

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. I: Advancing/Emerging Technologies II (*Triangle Ballroom*)
Moderator: Emily Lambert, TxDOT, Aviation Division
Sergio Roman, Director of Emerging Aviation Technology, TxDOT, Aviation Division
Dan Dalton, Wisk

II: Hangar Inspections and Use Policy (*Palomino/ Arabian*)
Moderator: Daniel Benson, TxDOT, Aviation Division

III: RAMP (*Appaloosa/ Quarter*)
Michelle Burcham, Director of Grant Management, TxDOT, Aviation Division

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall Open

6:00pm Dinner on your own

THURSDAY MAY 8, 2025

8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Exhibits and Registration Desk Open

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Buffet (*Kincaid/ Pioneer*)

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Airport Manager's Roundtable (*Eagles/ Chilton*)
Moderator: Sharlette Wright, Airport Manager, Mid-Way Regional Airport
James Mason, Airport Manager, Bay City Regional Airport
Haley Cuevas, Airport Manager, Mineral Wells Airport
Ryan Adams, Airport Manager, Denton Enterprise Airport

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. FAA Update and Listening Session (*Eagles/ Chilton*)
Ignacio Flores, Director, Southwest Region, Federal Aviation Administration
Dan Harmon, Director, TxDOT Aviation Division