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Detroit Metropolitan Airport Honored for Procurement and Construction Excellence

Detroit, Mich. (March 26, 2014)—Four awards captured by the management team at Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) and Willow Run Airport (YIP) were presented to the Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA) Board at its meeting Thursday.

The Airport Authority's Procurement Department was honored as **2013 Entity of the Year** by Michigan Public Purchasing Officers Association (MPPOA). The award recognizes an entity for work or innovations in public purchasing, involvement with the community and contributions to MPPOA and the purchasing profession. **(See attached photo.)**

Michigan Concrete Association's Director of Engineering for SE Michigan, Kerry Sutton, P.E. presented two **Awards of Excellence** to the Airport Authority. One was for the reconstruction and relocation of two DTW service roads and the second for the reconstruction of the northern portion of Runway 4R-22L also at DTW.

Finally, a **Merit Award for Engineering** from the American Council of Engineering Companies acknowledged the complex engineering work that went into DTW's Force Main project. The project allows WCAA to discharge waste water to two separate sewerage treatment plants. This project had previously won an **Environmental Achievement Award** from Airports Council International-North America.

"Our goal has never been to capture awards for their own sake," said WCAA CEO Thomas Naughton. "Our mission is to operate safe and efficient airports. Awards aside, this team of Airport Authority employees makes me proud every day."

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Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) welcomed more than 32 million passengers in 2012 and is one of the world's leading air transportation hubs. With service from 13 scheduled passenger airlines, Michigan's largest airport offers more than 1,200 flights per day to and from nearly 150 non-stop destinations on four continents. In 2010, DTW ranked highest in overall customer satisfaction among large

airports in the J.D. Power and Associates North America Airport Satisfaction Study. With two award-winning passenger terminals, six jet runways, and an onsite AAA Four-Diamond Westin Hotel, DTW is among the world's most efficient, customer friendly and operationally capable airports in North America. DTW is operated by **Wayne County Airport Authority**, which also operates nearby **Willow Run Airport**—an important corporate, cargo and general aviation facility. **The Airport Authority is entirely self-sustaining and does not receive tax dollars to support airport operations.** Visit www.metroairport.com for more information.



Airport Authority Director of Procurement, Ron Evans displays an award from Michigan Public Purchasing Officers Association