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# News Release

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## **Airport Authority's Marge Basrai Honored by the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants**

*--Basrai also participating in Detroit Regional Chamber's 'Leadership Detroit' class*

**DETROIT, December 18, 2014** – At a board meeting today, Marge Basrai, Controller for the Airport Authority that operates Detroit Metropolitan and Willow Run Airports was recognized among those who received the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, (MICPA) *Most Outstanding Task Force* Award. The award was presented to MICPA's *Professional Ethics Task Force*, in which Basrai currently serves as Chair.

Basrai is also participating in the Detroit Regional Chamber's 'Leadership Detroit' program. The program is a 10-month transformational leadership academy designed to challenge emerging and existing community leaders from Southeast Michigan to bring about positive change.

“The Airport Authority is extremely proud to have Marge as part of our team in the Controller's office, said Airport Authority CEO Tom Naughton. We are very fortunate to have employees, like Marge, who are willing to donate their time giving back to their profession and bettering our community.”

MICPA announced Ms. Basrai's team as the winner of the Most Outstanding Task Force, along with other awards at an awards dinner held at Shenandoah Country Club in West Bloomfield, earlier this fall. Michigan Governor Rick Snyder and his family were among the attendees celebrating CPAs in Michigan making a difference in their industry and community.

As part of the Detroit Regional Chamber's 'Leadership Detroit' Class XXXVI, Marge is participating with 70 executives from across the region, representing a cross-section of the community including: business, organized labor, government, education, media, civic groups, health services and community organizations to foster problem-solving and provide new views on key issues to lead the region to success. The complete Leadership Detroit Class XXXVI roster is available at: [www.detroitchamber.com/ld](http://www.detroitchamber.com/ld)

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“I enjoy working with a group of individuals who share my passion for making a difference in the community,” said Basrai. Through the Leadership Detroit experience, I am grateful for the opportunity to expand my understanding of the Detroit region and gain insight into the key issues facing our city and region.”

Detroit Metro and Willow Run also benefit from Basrai’s talent and leadership. Earlier this year, the Government Finance Officers Association (GFAO) awarded the Airport Authority with a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). This is the eleventh consecutive year the Authority has received this prestigious honor.

“We have a rich tradition as ‘makers’ in this region that sets us apart. Southeast Michigan sets the standard of what is possible when creativity, ingenuity and hard work come together,” said **Dan Piepszowski**, Senior Director of Community Leadership Development at the Detroit Regional Chamber. “Our region’s future success relies on these same ingredients shaped in new ways by leaders like these who are making a commitment to challenge long-held assumptions, embrace multiple perspectives and connect with their passion.”

***Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW)** welcomed more than 32 million passengers in 2013 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 1,100 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](http://www.metroairport.com) for more information.*

### **About Leadership Detroit**

*Leadership Detroit is a community leadership program for executives in Southeast Michigan led by the Detroit Regional Chamber with over 1,800 alumni. Launched in 1979, the program aims to create awareness of key issues that affect the Detroit region and to challenge emerging and existing community leaders to bring about positive change in the community through informed leadership.*

### **About the Detroit Regional Chamber**

*Serving the business community for more than 100 years, the Detroit Regional Chamber is one of the oldest, largest and most respected chambers of commerce in the country. The Chamber’s mission of powering the economy for Southeast Michigan is carried out through economic development, education reform, regional collaboration and providing valuable benefits to members. For more information, please visit [www.detroitchamber.com](http://www.detroitchamber.com).*

### **About the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants**

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