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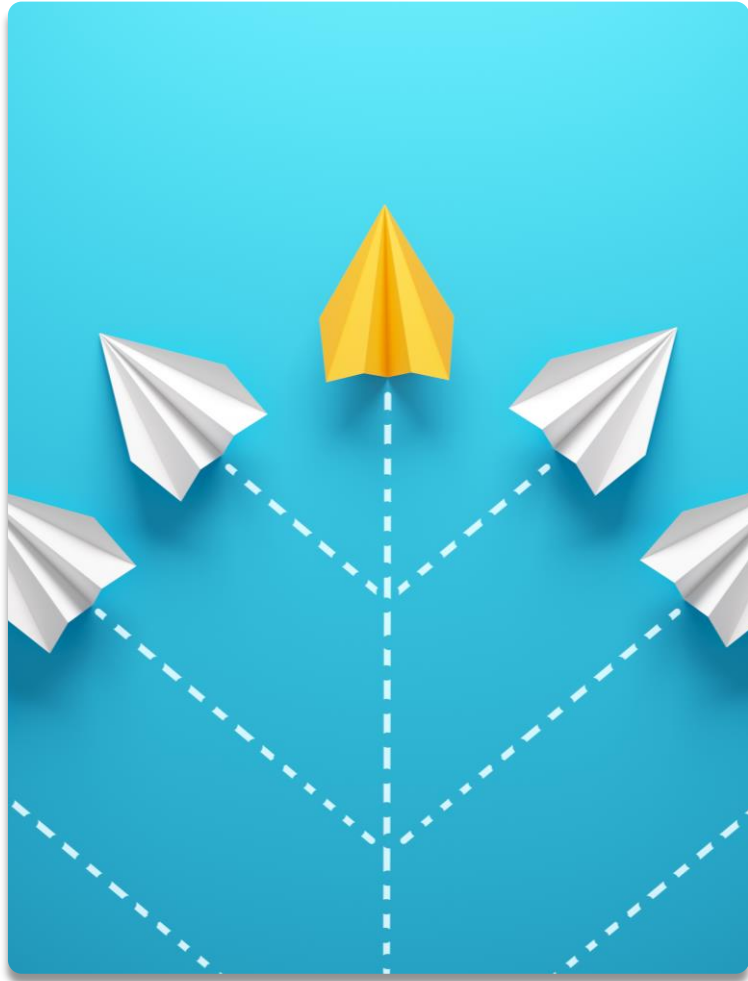




# MDOT-Office of Aeronautics

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AWARDS PRESENTATION



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# Aviation Professional of the Year Award

GREAT LAKES SERVICE  
GROUP AVIATION  
MANAGER,  
C&S COMPANIES

Kelly J. Jost, P.E.

Michigan Department of Transportation  
Office of Aeronautics

# Aviation Professional Of The Year Award

is hereby granted to:

## Kelly J. Jost, P.E.

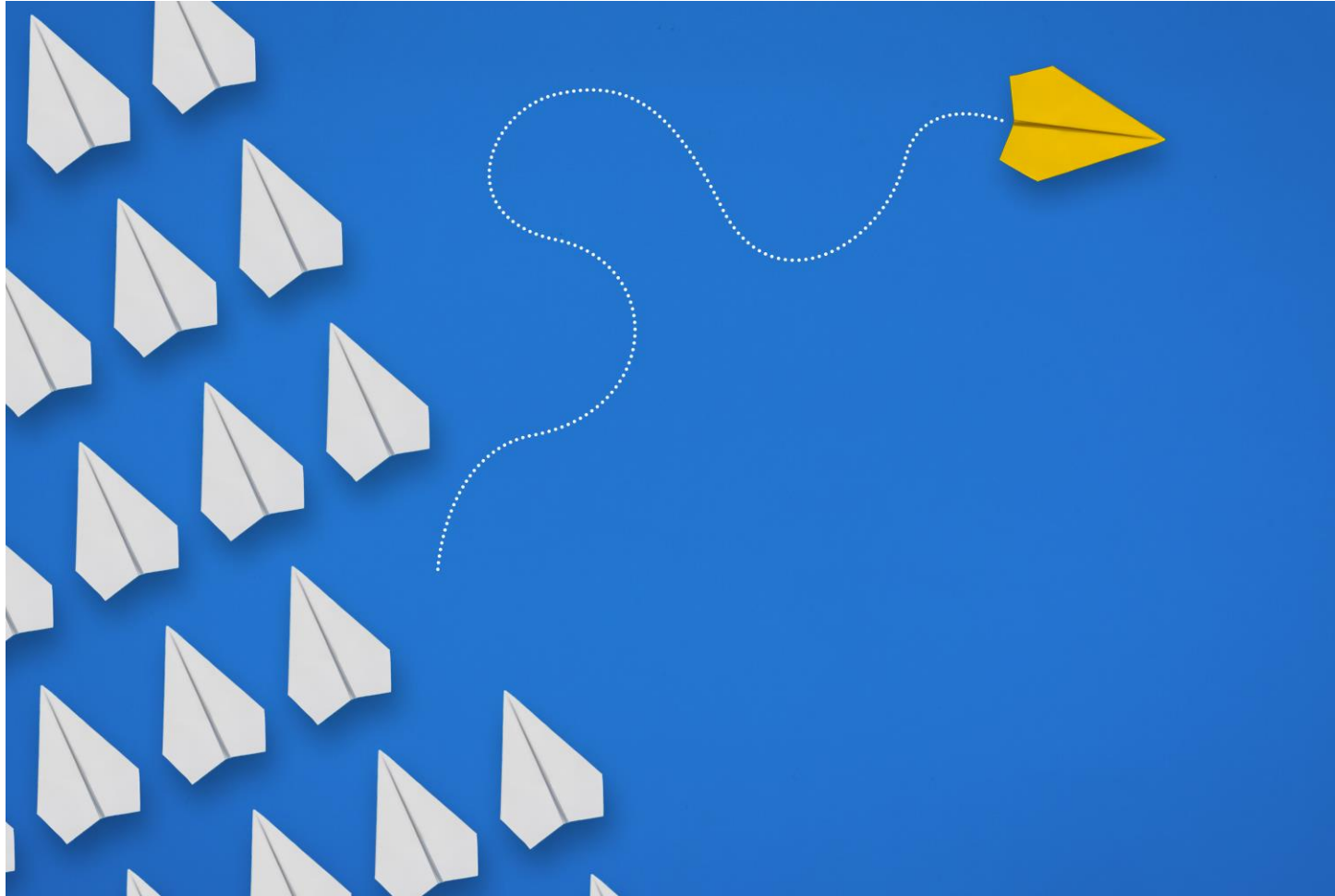
This award is presented in recognition of your distinguished service in supporting aviation education, recruitment, and retention in the State of Michigan. Your efforts and dedication have resulted in national recognition as a member of the FAA Women in Aviation Advisory Board, promotion to Great Lakes Service Group Manager for C&S Companies, and as a member of the Michigan Association of Airport Executives Board of Directors. Your passion for promoting women and minorities in aviation sparked the idea for the Michigan Aeronautics Commission Career Pipeline Committee, whose mission is to promote aeronautic careers to previously underserved populations. We sincerely appreciate the important work you have done that has enhanced aviation education and career readiness for the state and national aviation systems.

February 15, 2023



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Michael G. Trout, Executive Administrator  
Office of Aeronautics  
Michigan Department of Transportation



“Robert G.  
Peckham”  
Consultant  
of the Year  
Award

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**LimnoTech** 

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Michigan Department of Transportation  
Office of Aeronautics

**“Robert G. Peckham”**

**Consultant of the Year Award**

is hereby granted to:

**LimnoTech**

This award is presented in recognition of your outstanding consultant work addressing PFAS on behalf of Michigan airports. As a Michigan-based company, LimnoTech is leading efforts in the state’s response to the emerging PFAS contaminant. Experts on the LimnoTech team have continuously provided the highest quality environmental insight in a time of continually evolving science and regulation. LimnoTech has been an example across the nation, not only in providing superior technical analysis to aviation clients, but also in advocating nationally for a better understanding of PFAS issues at airports across the country.

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# Commercial Airport of the Year Award

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# Chippewa International Airport

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TAMI BESEAU, MANAGER

Michigan Department of Transportation  
Office of Aeronautics

**Airport of the Year**  
**Commercial Airport Category**

is hereby granted to:

**Chippewa International Airport**

This award is presented as recognition for proactively pursuing airport grant funding and opportunities which benefit the airport, region and community. Your hard work in securing supplemental discretionary funds from the FAA, allowed work on a beautiful, new, multi-million dollar terminal which opened in fall of 2022. The entire region has benefited economically and gained a real asset that will solidify partnerships in aviation and improve access to the rest of the world. The MDOT Office of Aeronautics commends you for your leadership in pioneering new funding processes and providing exceptional aviation service in Michigan.



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# Aviator of the Year Award

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PLAINWELL AIRPORT  
MANAGER

Virgil Williams

Michigan Department of Transportation  
Office of Aeronautics

## Aviator of the Year

is hereby granted to:

# Virgil Williams

This award is presented as recognition for your outstanding contributions to aviation safety at the Plainwell Municipal Airport. You garnered community support to remove numerous obstructions and reclaimed several hundred feet of landing distance for Runway 27, which created safer operating conditions for the airport, the general aviation community, and local student pilots. Over your 50 year career in aviation, you have received numerous awards and were a key founder of the Michigan Business Aviation Association and the Plainwell Aviation STEM Academy. The MDOT Office of Aeronautics commends you for promoting aviation safety and education for the State of Michigan.

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# Airport Community Involvement Award

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# Aviation Community Involvement Award

is hereby granted to:

## Sarah Pagano

This award is presented in recognition of distinguished service in supporting aviation education and community awareness at the Jack Barstow Airport in Midland. Your efforts and dedication have been recognized by both MDOT Office of Aeronautics and the City of Midland in bringing positive attention and focus to aviation-related initiatives at the airport. Supporting local food trucks during 'Food Truck Friday', as well as partnering with the local library for monthly story hours and with the local EAA for 'Aviation Career Night' have strengthened airport awareness and created a positive impact in the community. The fun and educational opportunities you offer at the airport promote a friendly atmosphere and create an interest in aviation for all members of the community that will leave positive impacts well into the future.

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# General Aviation Airport of the Year Award

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**Airport of the Year**  
**General Aviation Airport Category**

is hereby granted to:

**H.W. Browne Airport**

This award is presented as recognition for the attentive care and commitment to airport management and operations by H.W. Browne Airport staff. Your dedication to excellence in maintenance and safety at the airport by supporting state-of-the-art LED lighting at runway edges and approach paths contribute greatly to the safe and efficient operation of the airport. The superior customer care and aviation services provided serve the community and flying public of Michigan well. The MDOT Office of Aeronautics honors the airport staff for a job well done.

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