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Lafayette Regional Airport Named Louisiana Airport of the Year for 2011!

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has named Lafayette Regional Airport the 2011 Louisiana Airport of the Year. It marks the second time in six years the airport was bestowed with the award; the first was in 2005.

The FAA selected airports in their five-state Southwest Region to be honored. Awards were announced during the annual regional airports partnership conference in Fort Worth, Texas. The region includes Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. In each of the five states, the FAA named a 2011 Airport of the Year to recognize outstanding contributions airports make to enhance aviation in their state.

In Lafayette Regional Airport's case, they cited how the airport is maintained; ongoing projects that promote safety, security and customer convenience; annual FAA certification inspections and tri-annual disaster drills; growth of the airport through new tenants and airlines; paperwork such as grant writing and closeouts; and communication and partnerships with the various aviation agencies, such as the FAA Southwest Region and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development – Aviation Division.

“We thank the FAA for recognizing our airport above all others in the state. It's great to be recognized for doing things well,” says Lafayette Airport Commission Chairman Paul A. Guilbeau. “The Airport Commission and staff work hard to ensure Acadiana travelers leave our airport feeling like they had the best experience possible. Our goal has always been, and remains to be, to make the ‘parking lot to boarding gate experience’ something they enjoy. That takes many aspects of our airport - operations, maintenance, tenants and security - working together as a cohesive team. Congratulations to all of them on a job well done.”

Lafayette Regional Airport offers multiple daily nonstop flights on Delta to Atlanta, American Eagle to Dallas and United/Continental to Houston. Allegiant Airlines offers nonstop service to Las Vegas on Thursdays and Sundays.

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