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IDOT Announces 2018 Airport of the Year Award Recipients

SPRINGFIELD – Six airports have been selected as winners of the 2018 Airport of the Year award from the Illinois Department of Transportation. The awards will be presented by Gov. Bruce Rauner on Thursday, May 24, during the Illinois Aviation Conference in Springfield.

This year, MidAmerica Airport, Lewis University Airport, Schaumburg Regional Airport, Olney-Noble Airport, St. Louis Metro East/Shafer Field and Springfield Memorial Medical Center Heliport will be honored.

“These awards represent the hard work, commitment and dedication that our state’s airports put toward serving the public,” said Gov. Rauner said. “Airports are responsible for billions of dollars in economic activity in Illinois every year. They are serving an important role that makes Illinois a great place to visit and do business.”

The winners were selected because of their accomplishments throughout the year, including an outstanding partnership with IDOT and a strong commitment to customer safety and satisfaction. Among the award considerations are cooperation and coordination with the state, facility safety record, promotion of seminars and aviation events, and maintenance of the facility.

“Illinois’ vibrant aviation community strengthens the state’s status as the transportation hub of North America,” said Illinois Transportation Secretary Randy Blankenhorn. “With these awards, we recognize the tremendous dedication demonstrated by airports and heliports throughout Illinois. Sincere congratulations to all of this year’s recipients.”

This year’s award recipients are:

- MidAmerica Airport – Primary Airport of the Year
- Lewis University Airport – Reliever Airport of the Year
- Schaumburg Regional Airport – General Aviation Airport of the Year
- Olney-Noble Airport – General Aviation Airport of the Year
- St. Louis Metro East/Shafer Field – Private – Open to the Public Airport of the Year
- Springfield Memorial Medical Center – Heliport of the Year

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