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MUSKEGON COUNTY AIRPORT RECEIVES PROJECT AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Muskegon County Airport's Terminal Apron Rehabilitation and Expansion project was selected the winner in the airports category of the Michigan Concrete Association's 2016 Awards of Excellence. The Airport received the award on February 22 at the Association's annual award ceremony.

"We are very pleased our project was recognized by the Michigan Concrete Association," said Jeffrey Tripp, Muskegon County Airport Manager. "This project was successful through close coordination in the design and construction phases by the airport's engineer (Prein & Newhof), prime contractor (Florence Cement Co.), subcontractors, airport staff, and airport tenants."

The Apron project was the final phase of a \$3 million program to rehabilitate the parking area used by commercial, cargo, corporate, and general aviation aircraft. Program funding was provided through grants from the FAA Airport Improvement Program (95%), MDOT Aeronautics (2.5%), and 2.5% County funds. The concrete pavement will provide long-term, low-maintenance surface for the highest traffic use area on the airport.

The Muskegon project competed against 70 other projects submitted for consideration. The continual maintenance of airport infrastructure is crucial to ensure safe and efficient airport operations in addition to supporting regional economic development.

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About Muskegon County Airport: The Muskegon County Airport (MKG) is the aviation gateway to the West Michigan Lakeshore. Owned and operated by the County of Muskegon, the airport offers a full range of general and commercial aviation services. MKG is served by United Airlines with two daily direct flights to Chicago and frequently scheduled charter flights to Laughlin, NV. The Airport Business Park has land available ready for development. The Airport accounts for \$56 million annually in economic activity. For more information please visit us online at www.muskegonairport.com.

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