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Jackson Municipal Airport Authority, CEO awarded FAA's 2008 "Air Carrier Airport Manager of the Year."

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority is pleased to announce that Dirk B. Vanderleest, CEO, was selected by the Federal Aviation Administration's Southern Region as the *2008 Air Carrier Airport Manager of the Year*.

Recipients of this prestigious award are selected based on their excellence in airport management, exceptional aviation leadership, and promotion of the aviation industry. Winners are also recognized for their achievements in organizational efficiencies and improved productivity.



Mr. Vanderleest has been with the Airport Authority since 1990. Prior to assuming the position of CEO, he was Airport Manager for the Huntsville-Madison County Airport in Huntsville, Alabama for five years. He is a graduate of Auburn University and a member of the American Association of Airport Executives and the current President of the Mississippi Airport Association.

The FAA's Southern Region includes Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee and the Virgin Islands.