



## AIRPORT MINORITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

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### Message from the AMAC Foundation

Dear Members and Friends:

As we enter the holiday season, I want to send my deepest appreciation to the AMAC family and friends who believe in the Foundation's mission, vision and activities. Since the inception of AMAC, the Foundation has played a significant role in supporting and preparing our future aviation leaders with your help and support.

Since its establishment in 1997, the AMAC Foundation has awarded more than \$350,000 in scholarships for students around the country, supporting students pursuing a broad range of careers in airports, airlines, the federal government and private sector.

This year we are proud of the Foundation's work including the award of over 23 scholarships to students who are attending college focusing on science, technology, engineering and math programs. This year, through our programs the Foundation touched over 100 students through our national and local Project Lift programs, hosted 100 golfers at the Bill Walker Memorial Golf Tournament and honored Thella Bowens at the Celebrating Women in Aviation breakfast at the AMAC National Conference for the impact she left on the aviation community.

The work of the Foundation is happening because of your commitment and we look forward to another 20 years of growth and leadership with your support.



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Sincerely,  
Heather Barry  
Board Chair, AMAC Foundation  
Vice President, Strategic Partnerships, SSP America

## EVENTS

### How to Do Business with Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority

AMAC in cooperation with Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) presents AMAC Academy Session #3. This session will focus on doing business with MWAA and upcoming

opportunities. This presentation is designed to explain MWAA's procurement process, major requirements for responses to solicitations, effective proposals and performance. Speakers include: Liz Bryan, Manager - Procurement and Contracting; Deven Judd, Director - Customers and Concessions and Wande Leintu, Deputy VP - Supplier Diversity.

Online Webinar  
Wednesday, November 15, 2017  
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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## Quarterly MWAA Local Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (LDBE) Certification Workshop

Come learn all about how the Local Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (LDBE) Certification can help you do business with the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority! This workshop will provide a step-by-step guide on how to apply for your company's LDBE certification, post certification benefits and tips, and allow for a face-to-face Q&A session to address all your questions and concerns regarding the program. Questions? Please contact Crystal Canja at 703.417.8748 or [crystal.canja@mwaa.com](mailto:crystal.canja@mwaa.com).

Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport  
Wednesday, November 15, 2017  
10:00 am - 11:30 am

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## \$1 Billion in Broward Aviation Opportunities NABWIC Luncheon

The vision of NABWIC is to build lasting strategic partnerships with first-rate organizations and individuals committed to providing ground breaking and innovative solutions for Black women in construction and their respective communities.

Founded to increase the national awareness of African American women in the construction industry. The charge of the National Association of Black Women in Construction (NABWIC) is to advocate for Black women to further opportunity for its membership. We advance the NABWIC mission, as our core foundation is strengthened, with the building blocks of new educational, entrepreneurial, professional and social network connections.

94th Aero Squadron Restaurant  
Wednesday, November 15, 2017  
11:30 am - 2:00 pm

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## Construction Projects at SFO - Opportunities for Small Businesses

Construction contractors that are small businesses will find big opportunity in projects that range from about \$200,000 to two million dollars. This workshop is for small construction contractors, especially local business enterprises, who wish to learn about participating as a prime on construction projects at the San Francisco International Airport.

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## GOAA Small Business Development Networking Event

The annual "How to Do Business with GOAA" (Greater Orlando Aviation Authority) event at the Hyatt Regency Hotel Orlando International Airport is fast approaching. The focus this year, ensuring maximum inclusion and encouraging growth of small, minority, women, veteran and locally owned businesses in authority procurement, capacity, building and development programs at Orlando International Airport.

Hyatt Regency Orlando  
Thursday, December 7, 2017  
7:30 am - 12:30 pm

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## FOUNDATION FOCUS

### Scholar Spotlight: Josh Green

"Through the generosity of the AMAC Foundation Scholarship, I will now be able to attend college out-of-state at Western Carolina University (WCU) to study electrical engineering power systems. I will also now have the potential to work as an undergraduate research student in the area of nuclear energy during my time at WCU."

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## MEMBERSHIP CORNER

### AMAC in Seattle



Last week we visited Seattle for our 2018 34th Annual Airport Business Diversity Conference:

Inspiring Possibilities kick-off meeting! This highly acclaimed conference will be hosted by the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and is our flagship event - serving as a hub for education, advocacy and networking opportunities that promote diversity and inclusion in airports. Join us at the Westin Seattle from August 21 - 25, 2018 as we welcome AMAC members and industry leaders to Seattle, a premier international gateway serving the Puget Sound region and Washington State. Sponsorship, registration and media details are forthcoming.

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## MWAA & 1776 Advance Partnership with Airport Innovation Challenge

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority and 1776 are launching the Airport Innovation Challenge, a competition for startup firms to create and deploy new products and services to enhance the airport passenger experience.



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## Black Business Growth Survey

Natasha Conley, PMP is conducting a study as part of her dissertation at Case Western Reserve University. Her research focus is on black business growth. For this study, she has developed a survey instrument that examines factors that contribute to black business growth and resilience.



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## Marketplace PHL Welcomes New Shops

MarketPlace PHL announced two new merchant openings ahead of the busy holiday travel season. Travelers now have even more shopping opportunities at the Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) to pick up some of the best gifts available this holiday season.



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# AVIATION NEWS

## What You Need to Know About the New ID Law and Travel

Starting on January 22, 2018, fliers who reside in some states, even if they're flying domestically, will need identification other than a driver's license to pass through Transportation Security

Administration security checkpoints at airports.

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## Air Travelers Resisting the 'Incredible Shrinking Airline Seat'

It's not news that airlines have been squeezing more - and smaller - seats into the backs of their planes. The question is how far they can push their quest for higher profits before running into a backlash from their customers.



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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

## Senators Raise Concern that TSA Employees Are Still Afraid to Blow the Whistle

Senators are raising concerns that the majority of Transportation Security Administration (TSA) employees are still afraid to speak up about problems at the agency and feel as though they will be unfairly punished for doing so.



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