



## AIRPORT MINORITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

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### Message from the President

Dear Members and Friends:

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us here in Washington, D.C. for our annual Economic Opportunity & Policy Forum on Tuesday, March 20 through Wednesday, March 21. As we embark upon what is sure to be up to be an exciting new year of economic growth and opportunity for minority businesses, let us not lose sight of the fact that our voices are needed now more than ever in the public policy arena. Read our latest legislative update [here](#).

As evidenced by the sweeping tax legislation signed into law last year, public policy making that occurs here in our nation's capital impacts every facet of our personal and professional lives. So again, mark your calendars and plan to join us as we engage with a wide array of elected officials and government stakeholders on policies that further promote the full participation of minority and women-owned businesses in airport contracting and employment.

AMAC will continue to actively engage policymakers, in addition to the new Administration, on AMAC priorities. We will keep you apprised of emerging developments and actions that you as an AMAC member can undertake to make a difference.

Sincerely,

Krystal J. Brumfield  
President & CEO  
AMAC / AMAC Foundation



Save the Date! Join us August 21-25, 2018 for our [34th Annual Airport Business Diversity Conference: Inspiring Possibilities](#) at the Westin Seattle hosted by the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Sea-Tac).

## EVENTS

### CVS Supplier Diversity Business Building Event

CVS Health is seeking diverse service providers for the following categories: Landscaping; Pest Control; Electrical Contractor; Housekeeping; HVAC; Lot Sweeping; Plumbing Vendor; Uniforms; Fire Alarm Vendor; Rugs; Burglar Alarm Vendor; General Contractors; Fire Suppression; Building Supplies; Fire Extinguisher; Air Compressor; Snow Plowing; Baler Repairs; Rolling Stock; Pallets Program/Services; Overhead Doors; Dock Equipment; Conveyor System; Custodial Generator; All

Once your registration is complete, your profile will be further reviewed for consideration to secure a business meeting with a decision maker according to the services you provide. Participation provides diverse suppliers with a unique opportunity to meet one-on-one in pre-scheduled 15 minute meetings. You'll meet with CVS Health category specific decision makers to compete for potential business opportunities over the next 12-18 months.

KCP&L  
Thursday, January 18, 2018  
8:30 am - 4:30 pm CST

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## Annual Billion Dollar Luncheon: 1 Billion in Opportunities at Tampa Airport

The National Association of Black Women in Construction is hosting its Annual Billion Dollar Luncheon on Friday, January 19th, 2018 during their Annual Meeting in Tampa, Florida. The speaker will be CEO of Tampa International Airport, Joseph Lopano, who will be sharing with us about the one billion dollars in opportunities at Tampa Airport.

Hilton Garden Inn Tampa Airport  
Friday, January 19, 2018  
8:30 am - 4:30 pm CST

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## Solicitation of Proposals for the SFO Terminal 1 Food & Beverage Concession Leases

The San Francisco International Airport (SFO) is preparing to commence the selection process for nine food and beverage leases in Terminal 1. See [attached](#) information regarding these opportunities.

If you are interested in receiving further information please complete and return the [attached](#) response form by January 19, 2018. Small, local, and disadvantaged businesses are encouraged to participate. If you would like more information about SFO's Small Business Affairs Office, contact [small.business@flysfo.com](mailto:small.business@flysfo.com) or call 650.821.5021.

SFO Aviation Museum and Library  
Wednesday, January 24, 2018  
10:00 am - 1:30 pm PST

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## AMAC Academy Webinar: New Tax Law Highlights for Businesses and Airports

AMAC Academy presents New Tax Law Highlights for Businesses and Airports with Mary Baker, Government Affairs Counselor, K&L Gates LLP. This session will focus on the new Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. While the webinar is not intended as a substitute for the individual tax advice from your tax advisor, it will highlight key parts of the new tax law that are very likely relevant for AMAC members. Discussion topics:

- New tax rules regarding the acquisition of new plant and equipment;

- Tax developments affecting C corporations, S corporations, partnerships and limited liability corporations;
- The new lower tax rates;
- New rules regarding the deductibility of interest expense; and
- Tax treatment of private activity bonds and advanced refunding bonds

Online Webinar  
Thursday, January 25, 2018  
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm EST

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## AMAC Academy Webinar: Airport ADA Essentials

AMAC Academy presents *Airport ADA Essentials* with Denise Bailey, Principal at Milligan & Company, LLC. This session will focus on ADA requirements and compliance strategies for airport public spaces. Topics covered include an overview of governing regulations, design standards, operational and maintenance considerations, and common issues in concession spaces. Also, we will discuss highlights of FAA's Order 1440.9A and the framework for ADA self-assessments.

Online Webinar  
Thursday, February 8, 2018  
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm EST

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## 14th Annual ARN Revenue Conference & Exhibition

The ARN Revenue Conference & Exhibition features the largest gathering of airport decision-makers and concession executives for any show throughout the year. Featured during the conference are presentations by leading experts who share their research and expertise on cutting-edge trends and business strategies in the areas of food and beverage, retail, technology, customer service and much more. Additionally, the experience hall showcases the foremost brands, concepts and operators in the industry. The conference is capped by the ARN Awards ceremony, a program honoring our directors of the year and celebrating the winners of the ARN Best Airport & Concession Awards.

Rosen Shingle Creek  
Monday, March 12 - Thursday, March 15, 2018  
8:30 pm - 11:00 pm EST

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## COMTO's Celebrating Women Who Move the Nation

COMTO's Celebrating Women Who Move the Nation (CWWMN) awards recognizes the outstanding contributions of women who are leading and advancing America's transportation industry. Hosted annually in Washington, DC during the month of March, in observance of Women's History Month, this signature COMTO event celebrates women from all modes of transportation representing all sectors of the industry.

COMTO inaugurated the Celebrating Women Who Move the Nation awards in 2012, starting a new tradition of recognizing the accomplishments and influence of today's outstanding women in transportation. COMTO has honored over 60 women with this award to date.

Ronald Reagan Building & International Trade Center  
Thursday, March 22, 2018

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## 2018 AMAC Annual Airport Business Diversity Conference

The Airport Minority Advisory Council (AMAC) and the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Sea-Tac) present AMAC's 2018 34th Annual Airport Business Diversity Conference: Inspiring Possibilities at the Westin Seattle from August 21 - 25, 2018.

AMAC's Annual Airport Business Diversity Conference continues to bring together over 1,000 businesses, aviation professionals, government officials and individuals from around the country to discuss a variety of subjects ranging from how to do business at airports to public policy issues impacting the entire aviation industry. This highly acclaimed conference is the premier aviation industry event of the year - serving as a hub for education, advocacy and networking opportunities that promote diversity and inclusion in airports.

The Westin Seattle  
Tuesday, August 21 - Saturday, August 25, 2018  
7:30 am - 12:00 pm PST

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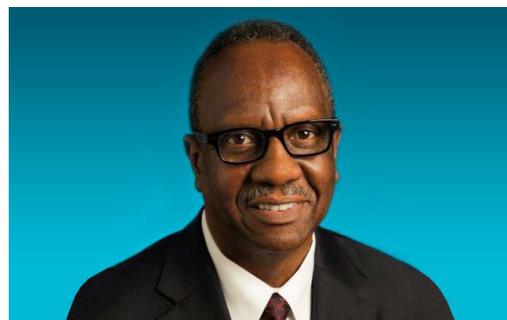
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### BHM's Denson To Retire In Q1 2018

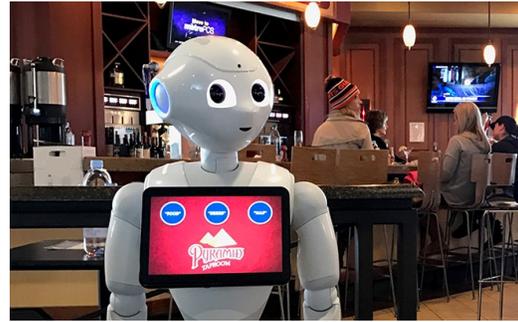
After 34 years at Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport (BHM), President and CEO Alfonso Denson will retire during the first quarter of 2018. The Birmingham Airport Authority says is beginning the search for a new CEO and is committed to a seamless transition.



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## HMSHost Installs Pepper The Robot In North American Airport Restaurants

HMSHost Corp. is expanding the use of its robotic customer service agent, Pepper the Robot, a 4-foot-tall humanoid robot that engages with guests at HMSHost's North American airport restaurants. Pepper the Robot helps guests by providing menu details, making menu recommendations and answering other questions, which differ by airport.



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## SSP America Hires Oscar Hernandez As Regional Vice President Of Operations

SSP America has appointed Oscar Hernandez as regional vice president of operations. In this position Hernandez will be responsible for strengthening SSP America's relationships with its airport partners throughout the Western and Southwestern regions of the United States.



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# AVIATION NEWS

## Travel Trends for 2018

Americans love to travel as much as ever, but results from a recent [AARP Travel survey](#) reveal some noteworthy trends in preferences and other areas. For one: they're increasingly wanting their trips to be true escapes that leave them feeling recharged.



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## Daniel Elwell Becomes Acting Administrator of FAA

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Deputy Administrator Daniel Elwell took over as the agency's acting administrator on January 7, 2018. He replaced former FAA Administrator Michael Huerta upon the completion of his term. Before he was FAA deputy administrator, Elwell served as senior vice president for safety, security and operations at Airlines for America from 2013 to 2015.



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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

## Legislation Promotes Aviation Career Paths for Women

More than half the nation's workforce is female, but only six percent of pilots are women. Legislation introduced in the Senate seeks to improve on those numbers by encouraging the aviation industry to help women pursue aviation careers.



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## Congress Returns for 2nd Session with Key Deadlines for Transportation Looming

As evidenced by the sweeping tax legislation signed into law last year, public policy making that occurs here in our nation's capital impacts every facet of our personal and professional lives.



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