



## AIRPORT MINORITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

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### Message from the President

Dear Members and Friends:

Please join the AMAC Academy on Thursday, January 25 from 2 - 3 pm EST for a *New Tax Law Highlights for Businesses and Airports* webinar presented by 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. Register [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 discuss: new tax rules regarding the acquisition of new plant and equipment; tax developments affecting C corporations, S corporations, partnerships and limited liability corporations; new lower tax rates; new rules regarding the deductibility of interest expense; and tax treatment of private activity bonds and advanced refunding bonds

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

## 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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## St. Louis Lambert International Airport Certification DBE & MBE/WBE Workshops

St. Louis Lambert International Airport Business Diversity office is hosting a series of Certification Workshops designed to improve the process for certification in the City of St. Louis M/WBE program and the federal Disadvantage Business Program. We are offering bi-monthly workshops that will:

- review the programs and certification
- explain the required documentation
- explore the most common pitfalls of applicant firms
- help firms successfully navigate the certification process
- explain how to submit your application electronically

St. Louis Lambert International Airport  
Wednesday, January 24, 2018  
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm CST

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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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## AMAC New Member Orientation Webinar

Are you ready to discover how your AMAC membership can work for you? Our new member orientation is a detailed discussion of AMAC's goals, objectives and structure. We will explore how AMAC can improve your professional development and increase the networking opportunities that will contribute to your success while navigating through the aviation industry.

As the leading advocate for diversity inclusion in aviation procurement and employment opportunities, AMAC will familiarize you with our resources and provide opportunities to voice your opinion to decision makers who can affect real change. Join us to learn more about your membership, meet our staff and build relationships with your fellow AMAC members!

Online Webinar  
Wednesday, February 21, 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  
8:00 am - 11:00 am EST

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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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### Remembering Dr. Rosie L.T. P. Johnson

AMAC is deeply saddened by the passing of the esteemed Dr. Rosie L.T. P. Johnson. We extend our sincere condolences to her family, colleagues, friends and the airport community. Her enthusiasm for the City of Jackson and inexhaustible commitment to Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International and Hawkins Field Airports, is irreplaceable and will be missed greatly.



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### ATL Behind the Scenes Training Sessions

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) is the world's busiest and most efficient airport,



handling more than 104 million passengers annually. Learn how to get SMART about doing business with ATL at bimonthly workshops. Each month offers a different topic to help you navigate the process.

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## Brown Sugar Kitchen Celebrates 10 Years in Sweet West Oakland

It's been an incredible decade for Oakland's beloved establishment. Brown Sugar Kitchen looks forward to sharing 10 more years as we branch out into San Francisco's Ferry Building, Oakland's Uptown and beyond!

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## Austin Commercial Wins the 2018 AGC Diversity & Inclusion Excellence Award

Congratulations! Austin Commercial has been selected as the large contractor Winner of the 2018 AGC Diversity & Inclusion Excellence Award. AGC of America will present this award during AGC's 99th Annual Convention on Wednesday, February 28 at 9:00 AM at the Hyatt Regency in New Orleans, Louisiana.

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# AVIATION NEWS

**Wayne County Airport Authority  
Appoints Genelle Allen Interim  
CEO**

The Wayne County Airport Authority Board has voted to appoint Genelle Allen as interim CEO while the board searches for a replacement for current CEO Joseph Nardone. As interim CEO, Allen will manage the operation of Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) and Willow Run (YIP).

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## Concessions International Opens Drew Pearson Sports 88 in DFW

Concessions International, in a joint venture with its ACDBE partner Southwest Minority Financial Group, has opened Drew Pearson Sports 88, a sports bar and restaurant, in Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) Terminal E.

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## SMF Seeks New Director Of Airports To Replace John Wheat

Sacramento International Airport (SMF) is seeking a new director of airports to replace John Wheat, who plans to retire effective April 21. Wheat has served as director of airports for SMF since 2013. During Wheat's tenure, major changes have come to SMF.

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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

## Representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz Introduces the Airport ALERT Act

U.S. Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL) has introduced a bill into the House of Representatives that would require air transportation security programs established by airport operators to contain safety measures that would protect travelers in the event of an emergency.

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