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Airport Authority wins planning award

Planning Department wins first place for Distinguished Leadership

SAN DIEGO – June 2, 2010 – The Airport Authority's Airport Planning Department was awarded a first place award for Distinguished Leadership during the American Planning Association's San Diego Chapter awards ceremony on May 20, 2010. The award was given to the entire department in recognition of its ongoing contribution to the planning profession.

Specifically mentioned elements were the [Airport Site Selection Study](#), [Cross-Border Terminal Feasibility Study](#), [Destination Lindbergh](#), [Regional Aviation Strategic Plan](#), and [Airport Land Use Compatibility Plans](#)—all major programs conducted by the department. The award was judged on the following criteria:

- Originality and innovation
- Transferability to other areas of planning
- Quality
- Comprehensiveness
- Public participation
- Effectiveness and results
- Sustained contribution to planning
- Outstanding contribution to the planning profession

The judging panel included a senior planner with San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), a senior planner with the City of Oceanside, a Professor Emeritus in City Planning from San Diego State University and several planning consultants. As the first place recipient, the Airport Planning Department is now nominated for the APA's Distinguished Leadership Award for the state of California. The winner of that award will be announced later this summer.

In 2009, passengers rated San Diego International Airport 88% in overall passenger satisfaction, the highest in six years of surveying.

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