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Ford Airport Director Receives High Honors

Grand Rapids, MI (November 23, 2004) – Kent County Aeronautics Director James A. Koslosky, A.A.E., has been selected to receive the 2004 Distinguished Service Award from the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE). AAAE is a national professional association representing thousands of airport industry leaders - the largest association of its kind in the world. Koslosky, director of the Gerald R. Ford International Airport, has been a member of AAAE since 1970, having served as the association's chairman in 2001-2002. In addition, Koslosky has served as an examiner in AAAE's professional accreditation program.

AAAE's Distinguished Service Award (DSA) recognizes outstanding accomplishments in a recipient's professional and personal life. Respected leaders of their own communities, DSA recipients also contribute to other aviation organizations and participate in civic and community affairs. DSA winners exemplify the best in airport management by continually bringing credit to the profession and the aviation community. Commented Bill Barkhauer, A.A.E., director of the Morristown, NJ airport and current chairman of AAAE, "Jim is recognized in the national aviation community as an expert in airport and aviation matters, and this award is evidence of the high regard in which he is held by his airport management peers. The West Michigan community is fortunate to have a person of Jim's caliber serving as their airport director." Barkhauer will be in Grand Rapids to present the DSA award to Koslosky at the November 24, 2004 meeting of the Kent County Aeronautics Board.

"I am quite honored to have been selected for the Distinguished Service Award," said Koslosky, "and I owe much of the credit to the generous support I have received over the years from my family, the Kent County Aeronautics Board, and my fellow Kent County Department of Aeronautics staff members. Thank you!"

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