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ABOUT THIS RESOURCE

Florida is fortunate to be served by one of the most comprehensive and progressive airport systems in the country. The Aviation Office develops the Florida Aviation System Plan, promotes the development and improvement of Florida's airports, regulates airports, and protects airport approaches. Major activities include aviation system development, aviation grant program, airport inspection and regulation, intergovernmental coordination, aviation outreach and aviation emergency operations management.

Because the resources produced by the FDOT Central Aviation Office are numerous and thorough, this guide is intended to be a single catalog of the key publications and trainings available for use by Florida's aviation industry rather than an exhaustive list. Included are links, QR codes, descriptions, and summaries for these key publications and trainings produced by the Aviation Office.

RESOURCES GUIDING THE BRIGHT FUTURE OF FLORIDA AVIATION

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USING THIS GUIDE

This resource guide provides introductory information about a variety of FDOT aviation-related resources in one place with links to access online content with ease from any device.

A number of QR codes are included to provide quick access to additional information via a smartphone. Simply open your camera or QR code reader application and follow the link when prompted.

Download a current edition of this guide for regular access to these publications and trainings, or utilize the QR codes to browse them on the fly. On the back pages you'll find a contact list of Aviation Office officials available for questions not addressed in this publication.

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AVIATION SYSTEM & AIRPORT PLANNING

Florida's 128 public-use airports are a cornerstone of the state's global economy and essential to the safety, resiliency, mobility, and security of residents, visitors, businesses, and the products that fly to, from, and through our state. To ensure Florida's airports continue to provide a high level of service to all users, the FDOT engages in both statewide system planning and individual airport planning processes. Learn more at: fdot.gov/aviation/flpub.shtm/planning



FLORIDA AVIATION SYSTEM PLAN (FASP)

The Florida Aviation System Plan (FASP) is a tool the FDOT uses to maintain a safe, efficient, and reliable system, evaluate future funding decisions by identifying the facilities and services that are needed to meet future demand, and effectively expand capacity in those areas where it is most needed and beneficial. The **FASP 2043** was completed in April 2024 and includes updated



Access the FASP 2043 Content here

Airport Profiles for all 106 publicly owned, public-use airports in the State. Learn more at: fdot.gov/aviation/FASP2043



FLORIDA STATEWIDE ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

Florida's airports are vital to daily life and trade because airports connect people and businesses, whether for personal travel, air cargo, or business activity. The state's aviation system keeps Florida connected to the global marketplace, while simultaneously driving our local economies. Learn more at: <https://www.fdot.gov/aviation/economicimpact22.shtm>



Access the Economic Impact Documents here



GUIDEBOOK FOR AIRPORT MASTER PLANNING

The Aviation Office developed a guidebook for use by airport sponsors, airport operators, and consultants at general aviation and commercial service airports throughout the state to assist in



Access the full Guidebook here

developing effective and attainable master plans. These plans are comprehensive analyses that illustrate an airport's development activities to meet the future aviation demand requirements in a safe and cost-effective manner. Find this guide and other planning resources at: fdot.gov/aviation/planning.shtm

STATEWIDE AIRPORT ENGINEERING



The FDOT manages two important programs to support the safety and efficiency of Florida's airport system infrastructure. These programs are the **Statewide Airfield Pavement Management Program** and the **Statewide Airport Stormwater Management Program**. Learn more at: fdot.gov/aviation/flpub.shtm/statewide-airport-engineering.



STATEWIDE AIRFIELD PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

To support the timely and proper maintenance and rehabilitation of airfield pavement, the FDOT has implemented the FDOT **Statewide Airfield Pavement Management Program (SAPMP)**. The SAPMP enables the FDOT and the FAA to monitor the condition of the pavement infrastructure at airports in the Florida airport system, providing objective condition information needed to make informed decisions regarding capital investments.

The SAPMP operates on a 3-year cycle and the next update will be available in 2026.

Learn more at:

fdot.gov/aviation/pavement.shtm



Access the Executive Summary here



Access the Evaluation Report here

STATEWIDE AIRPORT STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The FDOT supports a longstanding initiative to standardize the manner in which airports address stormwater and its effect on airport infrastructure. This initiative is known as the FDOT **Statewide Airport Stormwater Management Program (SASMP)**. The objective of the SASMP is to improve airport safety by reducing wildlife attractants, while still meeting all state and federal water quality and quantity management requirements. The study results can be used for a general permit for airside development by Rule 62-330.449 FAC and for all airport landside and airside development permitting under Rule 62-330 FAC as outlined in Section 9.5.4 "Airport Design" in the Applicants Handbook Volume I, effective June 28, 2024. Learn more at: fdot.gov/aviation/stormwater.shtm



Access the Airport Stormwater BMP Manual here



Access the Airport Stormwater Study Brochure here

AIRSPACE PROTECTION AND ZONING

The FDOT Aviation Office supports airport and airspace protection and zoning operations and procedures through assistance to zoning authorities in the adoption, administration and enforcement of airport protection and airport compatible land use zoning regulations. This is to ensure the safe and efficient use of navigable airspace, and the operation of existing or planned air navigation and communication facilities. Learn more at: fdot.gov/aviation/compland.shtm

AIRPORT LAND USE COMPATIBILITY GUIDEBOOK

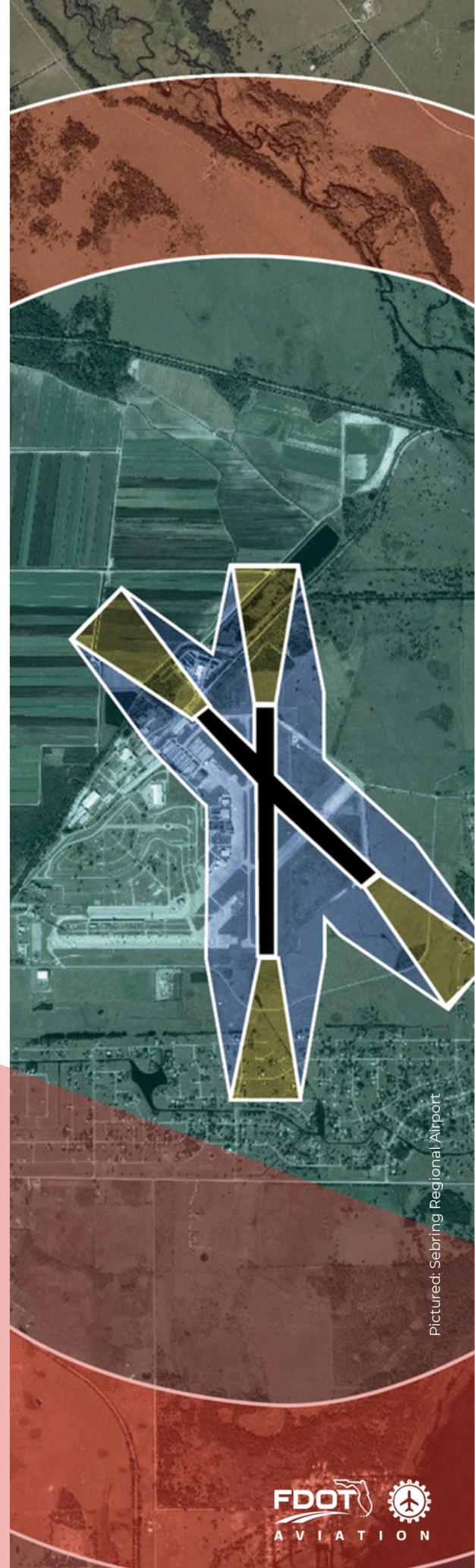


Access the Executive Summary here



Access the full Guidebook here

This guidebook provides local government planners with the information necessary to adopt airport zoning regulations compliant with state law and federal regulations designed to protect people on the ground and in the air. It addresses the importance of protecting airspace and the land surrounding civil and military airports; the roles for federal, state, and local government in providing a safe aviation environment; characteristics of incompatible development; and how to draft regulations. Learn more at: fdot.gov/aviation/flpub.shtm/airspace-protection-and-zoning



Pictured: Sebring Regional Airport

AVIATION GRANT PROGRAM



The FDOT Aviation Office maintains a grant program to assist in providing a safe, cost-effective, and efficient statewide aviation system. FDOT grant funds help airports build and maintain runways and taxiways, eliminate airport hazards, protect airspace, develop plans, acquire land, and develop terminals and other facilities. The **Florida Aviation Project Handbook** was developed for FDOT aviation officials and Florida airport personnel to better understand funding options and resources available at the state level. The Handbook was also designed to further the aviation mission of Florida's public-use airports as it relates to funding aviation projects in Florida. Learn more at: fdot.gov/aviation/flpub.shtm/aviation-grant-program



Access the
handbook
here

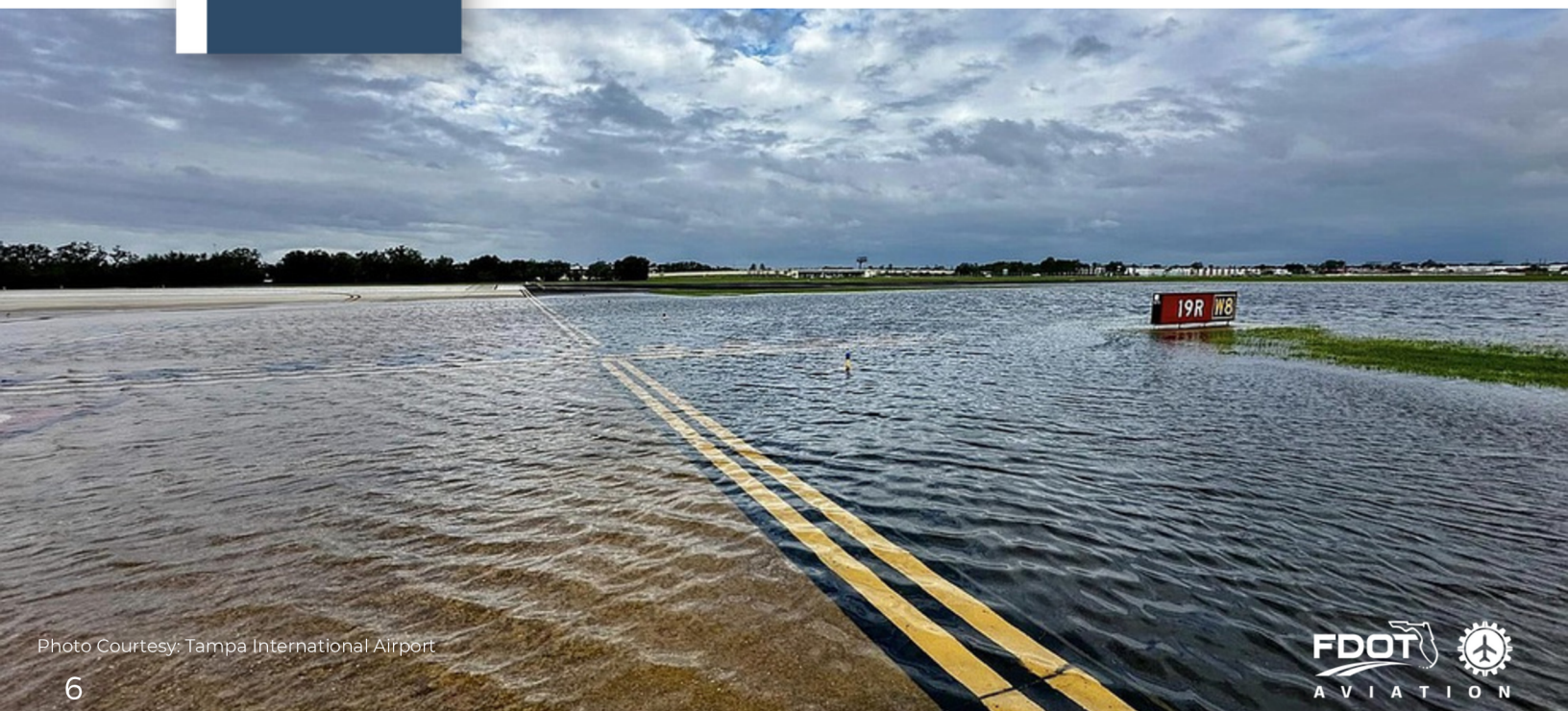
EMERGENCY RESPONSE



The FDOT, in cooperation with Florida airports, developed this **Aviation Emergency Response Guidebook** to serve as a resource for both emergency response staff at Florida's public-use airports and non-airport emergency responders. It is a tool for airport directors and staff to use when developing, evaluating or exercising an Airport Emergency Plan, and to inform emergency responders not experienced with airport operations of proper procedures. Learn more at: fdot.gov/aviation/flpub.shtm/emergency-response



Access the
guidebook
here



FLORIDA AIRPORT DIRECTORY & AERONAUTICAL CHART



The FDOT Aviation Office currently regulates over 700 public and private airports. The Florida Airport Directory provides information on Florida's airports, airstrips, and heliports using data from annual public airport inspections, licensing records, private airport registrations, and airport owners and managers.

Observing and preserving airspace is crucial to the function of the state's aviation system. The Florida Aeronautical Chart conveniently maps Florida's airspace for airports, pilots, and aviation enthusiasts.

Learn more at: fdot.gov/aviation/flpub.shtm/electronic-copies

To request a hard copy, contact Michael McDougall:
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Access the full
Directory and
Aeronautical
Chart here

LICENSING, REGISTRATION & INSPECTION

Pursuant to Section 330.30, FS, establishing a new airport requires site approval from the FDOT. This statute outlines the site approval requirements, effective period, and revocation of licenses (public use) and registrations (private use). For public use facilities with current licenses, the Aviation Office will coordinate with the sponsor to conduct an annual licensing inspection. Learn more at:
fdot.gov/aviation/establishinganewairportorheliportorseaplanebase



Access the
licensing
webpage here

Photo Courtesy: Leesburg International Airport

PRIVATE USE AIRPORTS

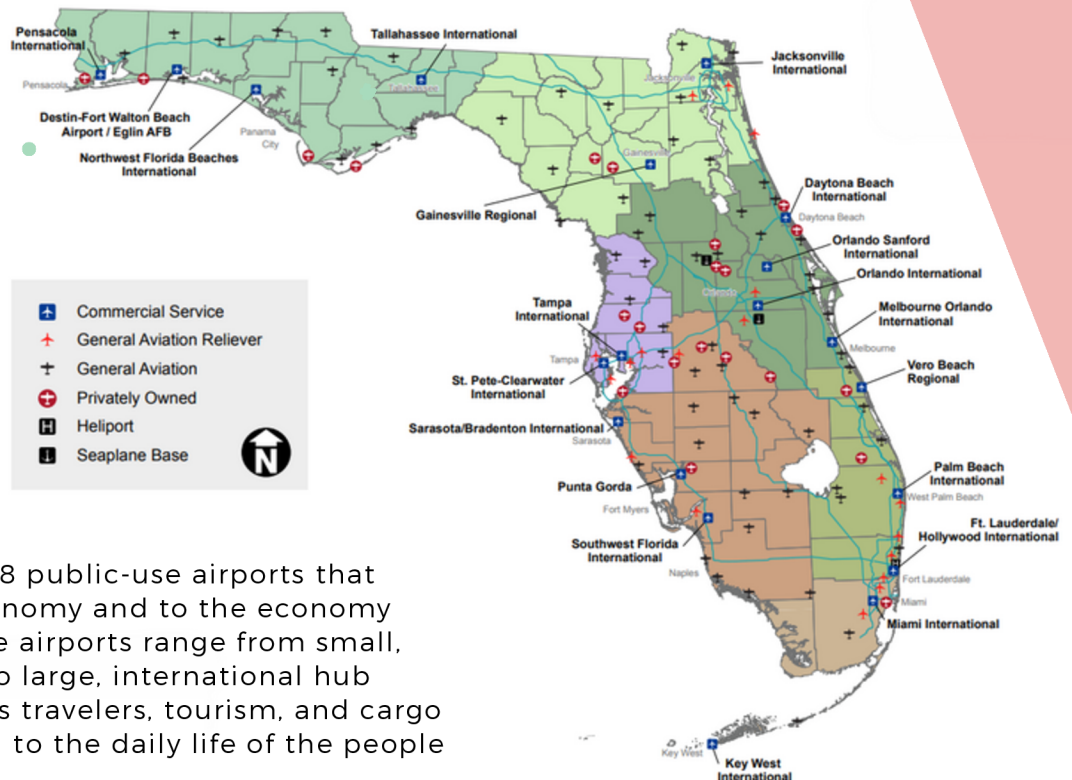
Private airport means an airport, publicly or privately owned, which is not open or available for use by the public, but could be made available to others by invitation of the owner or manager. To serve the large number of private-use airports in Florida, the FDOT includes a webpage on the Aviation Office website that provides private-use airport resources on site approval, registration, licensing and inspection. Learn more at: fdot.gov/aviation/pvtairport.shtm



Access the Private-Use webpage here

Photo: Courtesy Spruce Creek Airport

PUBLIC USE AIRPORTS



The State of Florida has 128 public-use airports that are vital to the Florida economy and to the economy of the United States. These airports range from small, general aviation airports to large, international hub airports and serve business travelers, tourism, and cargo operations that are crucial to the daily life of the people of Florida.

TRAININGS & COURSES

FLORIDA AVIATION PROFESSIONALS ACADEMY (FAPA)

The **Florida Aviation Professionals Academy (FAPA)** provides relevant academic and technical knowledge to airports, FDOT staff, and other professionals regarding the FDOT Aviation Office's processes, policies, and operations. This includes information related to the foundation for new personnel in understanding aviation processes, policies, and requirements within Florida, assistance in helping personnel transition into new roles associated with FDOT, and skill enhancement relevant to specific duties and responsibilities. For more info on the next available FAPA course, visit: <https://www.airportfapa.com/>



Access
the FAPA Website
and additional
CBT's here



FDOT AVIATION TRAINING VIDEOS/CBTs

Computer-Based Training (CBT) modules have been developed by the FDOT covering a variety of helpful topics of interest to the Florida aviation community. While each of these trainings has a designated purpose, they are a great source of information for the Florida aviation community as a whole and are available to the public. They can be accessed at: youtube.com/playlist?list=PLVo87uPoJ9HwRWz_cD1MnLuwVNummd4x1



Access the CBT
Modules here

AIRFIELD PAVEMENT INSPECTION TRAINING

The **Airfield Pavement Inspection Training Course** is designed to familiarize participants in the methodology of airfield pavement condition index (PCI) inspections. Participants receive training in identifying pavement distresses, and calculating the PCI, both manually and with a computer software program. Participants in this 2 day training will have the opportunity to join the instructors in conducting actual airfield distress inspection in the field. For more info on the next available course, contact Abdul Hatim: abdul.hatim@dot.state.fl.us

AIRFIELD PAVEMENT DISTRESS REPAIR TRAINING

The **Airfield Pavement Distress Repair Training Course** is designed to familiarize participants in the methodology of airfield pavement distress repairs. The course gives a brief overview of general concepts surrounding airfield pavement structure and repair before providing technical education on the processes and methods of repairing airfield distresses. The course educates students in airfield pavement distresses. The course also provides detailed training on technical repair procedures necessary to fix these pavement distresses, and the recommended procedure for temporary, permanent, and emergency repairs. For more info on the next available course, contact Abdul Hatim: abdul.hatim@dot.state.fl.us

OTHER RESOURCES

ADVANCED AIR MOBILITY (AAM)



Access
the AAM
Site here

FDOT's guidance in AAM began in 2021 and continues to lead the nation in creating pathways for this developing mode of transportation. In 2022, FDOT created an AAM Working Group that has since expanded into a 50 member AAM Advisory Committee. This Committee enables the Aviation Office to collaborate with industry stakeholders in real time, identifying gaps and solutions to the the successful development of vertiports across the state.

Several work products have been produced to date, including the FDOT AAM Land Use Compatibility and Site Approval Guidebook. This document provides local governments with a background on AAM, the land use considerations for vertiport development, proactive planning steps to prepare for AAM, and a step-by-step process for vertiport site approval at the local, federal, and state level. In 2025, FDOT will be conducting in-person training across all seven Districts for local leaders to understand vertiport planning, land use compatibility, zoning, etc. The training sessions will include presentations and workshop-style discussions to promote local government participation.

Learn more at: <https://www.fdot.gov/aviation/advanced-air-mobility>

CFASPP

The Continuing Florida Aviation System Planning Process (CFASPP) was established by the FAA and the FDOT as a method to help maintain a viable Statewide aviation environment. There are 9 Regional CFASPP Steering Committees and one Executive Statewide Committee. These committees have tri-annual meetings which participants can attend either in-person or virtually. These meetings provide both regional and statewide input critical to the ultimate success of the Florida aviation system and aviation system planning efforts. Learn more here: cfaspp.com

FLORIDA AVIATION AWARDS PROGRAM

Every year, the FDOT is proud to recognize superior achievement by presenting awards in the categories of Aviation Professional of the Year, Distinguished Aviation Service, Commercial Service Airport of the Year, General Aviation Airport of the Year, Commercial Service Airport Project of the Year, and General Aviation Airport Project of the Year. Learn more here: fdot.gov/aviation/aviationawards.shtm

ABOUT THE FDOT AVIATION OFFICE

OUR MISSION

The Aviation Office guides and implements aviation system investments through:

- Program and project management to ensure a safe, secure, and reliable air transportation system
- Coordination of policy, public assets, and federal resources to enable the mobility of people and goods
- Advancement of innovation to preserve the quality of our environment and communities

OUR VISION

Serving the people of Florida by facilitating the development of the nation's most efficient air transportation system.

OUR VALUES



TEAMWORK

We are one agency, one team.



COMMITMENT

We do what we say we are going to do.



INTEGRITY

We always do what is right.



QUALITY

We strive for excellence.



TRUST

We are open and fair.



RESPECT

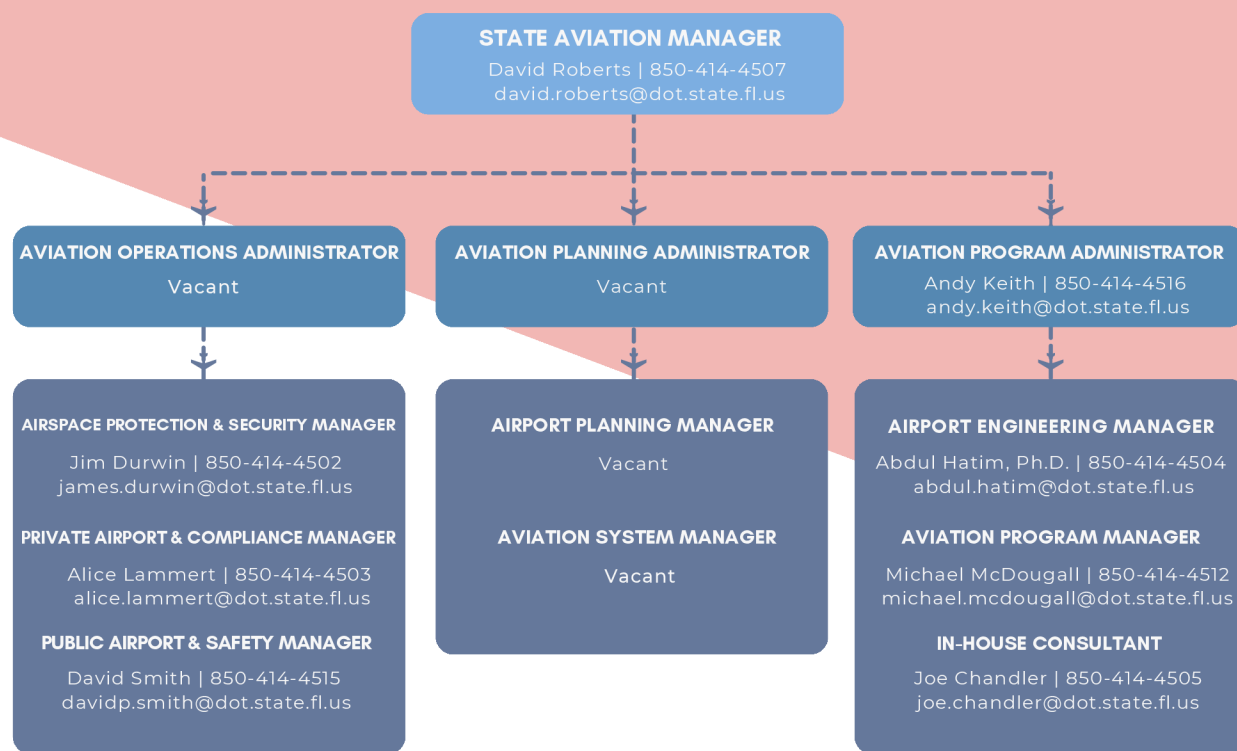
We value diversity, talent and ideas.



RELIABLE

Doing what, where, when, and how it ought to be done with a spirit of customer service.

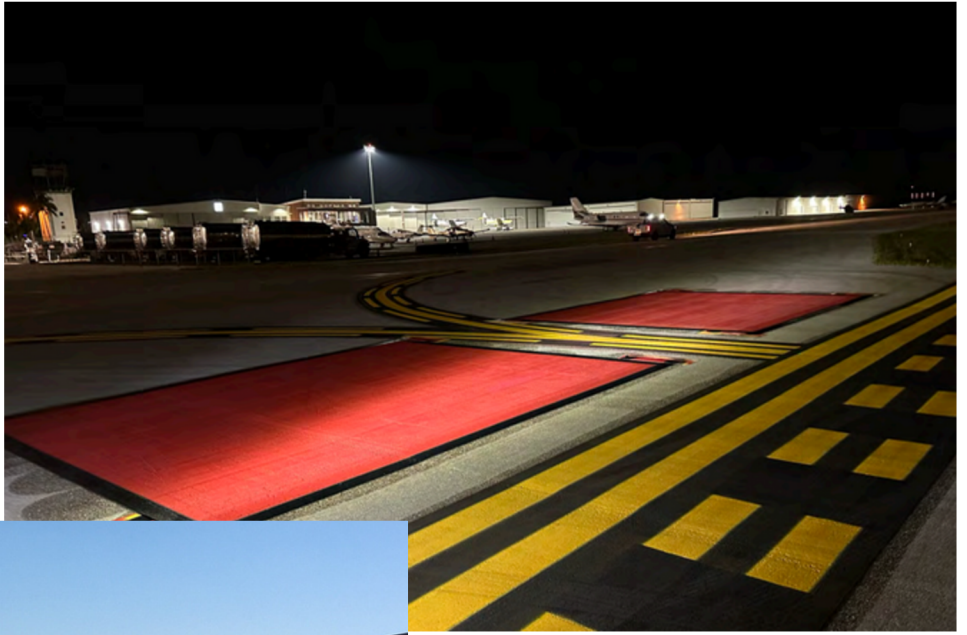
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Key West International Airport



Jack Browns Seaplane Base

Ocala International Airport



Boca Raton Airport



Palm Beach County Glades Airport



Ocean Reef Club Airport



Treasure Coast International Airport

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