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Destin Executive Airport Named Best in the State

Tampa – The Florida Department of Transportation awarded Destin Executive Airport’s new air traffic control tower, named after retired Air Force General Leroy Manor, the 2018 General Aviation Airport Project of the Year.

The award was given to the project based on its aesthetics, safety and service in the State of Florida.

“This is a huge honor for our airports’ staff,” said Airports Director Tracy Stage from the Florida Airports Counsel Annual Conference in Tampa, “it is a direct result of the work we have put in since this project began. We are overjoyed to be selected.”

The airport’s air control tower project was selected over all 110 general aviation airports in the state.

“It’s the just the latest of many accolades for Okaloosa County’s Airports Department,” said Commissioner Carolyn Ketchel, “Both this airport and the Destin-Fort Walton Beach commercial airport’s rapid growth can be attributed to the work Tracy and his staff do every day to make air travel more accessible to our visitors, our military personnel and our residents. We are fortunate to have him on our team here in Okaloosa County.”

It has been a banner year for the department in general. They have added 12 new flights to their schedule, to make a total of 27 direct destinations available.

All photos attached can be credited to the Okaloosa County Public Information Office.

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
2018 General Aviation Airport Project

Presented to

Destin Executive

In recognition of outstanding achievements in airport
aesthetics, safety and service in the State of Florida for the

Okaloosa County

Air Traffic Control Tower



Aaron N. Smith
State Aviation Manager

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mike Dew', is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary.

Mike Dew
Secretary

