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MANKATO REGIONAL AIRPORT AWARDED PROJECT OF THE YEAR

The Minnesota Council of Airports (MCOA) awarded the City of Mankato and Bolton & Menk, Inc. Project of the Year for the Large GA (NPIAS) Airport category at the Minnesota Airport Conference banquet on April 24, 2008.

Upon completion of the Environmental Assessment and Land Acquisition tasks for the 1,200-foot long Runway 15-33 extension, the City of Mankato was ready to proceed with the project and directed Bolton & Menk, Inc. to prepare construction documents for the Runway 15-33 Reconstruction Project. This project involved reconstructing the existing 5,400-foot long Runway 15-33 and a 1,200-foot long extension. The project also includes extending Taxiway A 1,200 feet, and reconstruction of portions of Taxiway B. A construction operation plan involving four phases to enable the project to be constructed while maximizing on-going operations was developed. After extending Taxiway A, it became the temporary Runway 15-33 during reconstruction and extension of the actual Runway 15-33. The new 54-inch thick runway pavement cross section is 12 inches of rigid concrete pavement over recycled pavement materials and a new subdrain system. The runway now has a completely new High Intensity Runway Lights (HIRL) lighting system. This \$6.4 million construction project completed early, with the opening of the new runway 15-33 in six months from project start.

The Concrete Paving Awards Committee, sponsored by Mn/DOT and the Concrete Paving Association of Minnesota, also awarded the City of Mankato and Bolton & Menk with a Merit Award at the Concrete Paving Awards Banquet on March 13th, 2008. The project is also up for a national award through the American Concrete Paving Association.

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