Washington Airports Task Force

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The Commercial Aviation Alternative Fuels Initiative (CAAFI) Team
Selected to Receive 2011 Williams Trophy

Importance to All Modes of Transportation Cited

Washington Dulles, August 18, 2011: Leo Schefer, President, Washington Airports Task Force announced today that the Commercial Aviation Alternative Fuels Initiative (CAAFI) team, led by its Executive Director, Rich Altman have been selected to receive the 2011 Williams Trophy. The citation reads:

"Richard L. Altman and the CAAFI team are nominated for their successful coordination of worldwide efforts to develop, produce on an industrial scale, certificate, and introduce into daily airline service, bio-jet fuels with a dramatically reduced carbon footprint."

"The introduction into commercial airline service this summer of bio-jet fuel has profound implications for the whole of mankind. Not only is it a major step to achieve aviation's goals for a stably priced, low carbon alternate fuel for today's engines, but it also heralds the introduction of such fuels to replace traditional petroleum-derived fuels for all modes of surface transportation."

The selection committee was chaired by WATF Board members The Honorable Marion C. Blakey, and comprised: Monte R. Belger; Randall P Burdette; Joseph L. Carter, III; General John R. Dailey, USMC (Ret.); The Honorable Jeffrey N. Shane; Mark Sharer; Charles V. Stipancic, Jr.; and James A. Wilding.

The trophy is awarded annually to recognize those whose leadership, vision and dedication in the application of aviation or space has enriched the quality of life on earth. The trophy commemorates the work of Carrington Williams (1919-2002), among whose many accomplishments was the creation of the Virginia Port Authority and the transformation of Washington Dulles into a major international gateway.

The Trophy will be presented later this year during the Washington Airports Task Force's Annual General Meeting on a date to be determined.

The Washington Airports Task Force (WATF) is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) Virginia Corporation that works to promote the expansion and enhancement of aviation services for Virginia and the National Capital region. As such, its views represent consumer, civic, and economic interests in a region whose tourism and high tech employment is closely tied to the proficiency of its scheduled air service. The WATF is goal oriented and its work has yielded hundreds of millions of dollars in economic return.