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Williams Gateway Airport receives another accolade

MESA, ARIZ. --- The Williams Gateway Airport Authority has added another award to its already decorated lobby. At its annual convention in Milwaukee, Wis., on June 15, the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada presented to the Airport Authority its 2004 Award for Excellence. The award, one of four presented at the international event, was for the creation of an Airport Capital Improvement Program Database. The database provides a method for procurement, accounting and management staff to easily track the status of the Airport's capital projects. Tracking capabilities include cost estimates, funding, commitments, comments and spending.

Referring to the Airport's mission that calls for "creation of superior airport facilities and services through innovation," WGAA Director of Finance Doug Drown said, "This was a team effort in problem solving. It's nice to be recognized for thinking 'outside the box.'"

The Airport Authority was recently awarded the 2004 Arizona Airport of the Year by the Arizona Department of Transportation. The Air Traffic Control Tower received the Willie F. Card Federal Aviation Administration Contract Tower Service Award presented by the American Association of Airport Executives and its affiliate, the U.S. Contract Tower Association.

"We have made phenomenal achievements at Williams Gateway in the transformation from a military facility to a successful private Airport and economic center," Mesa Mayor Keno Hawker said. "It is an honor to be recognized by our aviation peers."

The Airport is owned and operated by the Williams Gateway Airport Authority, which includes the Gila River Indian Community, Gilbert, Mesa and Queen Creek. For more information, visit www.flywga.org.