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Williams Gateway Airport Becomes Busiest FAA Contract Tower

MESA, ARIZ. --- Williams Gateway Airport's air traffic control tower is now the busiest Federal Aviation Administration Contract Tower in the United States with 240,483 landings and takeoffs recorded in 2004.

"Being the busiest of more than 225 contract towers nationwide is quite an accomplishment," said Tower Manager Ron Pierce. "However, our goal continues to be to provide the safest flying environment for all our users. Williams Gateway is fast becoming one of the premier training airports in the Valley and we look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead."

Williams Gateway Airport's tower is ranked number one in traffic for contract towers and 54th in the U.S. overall with a 32-percent increase in operations over 2003. In 2003, Williams Gateway Airport was ranked second and 92nd respectively, with 182,009 operations.

Williams Gateway Airport is Arizona's 2004 'Airport of the Year' and is owned and operated by the Williams Gateway Airport Authority that includes the Gila River Indian Community, Gilbert, Mesa and Queen Creek. For more information, visit www.flywga.org.