



COMMISSION
AGENDA MEMORANDUM

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BRIEFING ITEM

Date of Meeting April 25, 2017

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TO: Dave Soike, Interim Chief Executive Officer

FROM: Jeremy Webb, Aviation Environmental Program Manager
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SUBJECT: Environmental Excellence Awards

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In honor of Earth Day (4/22/2017), Airport staff would like to recognize winners of Seattle-Tacoma International Airport's (Airport) Green Gateway Environmental Excellence Awards (Awards Program). The Awards Program annually recognizes Airport tenants, airlines, and business partners of all sizes for outstanding environmental leadership, and encourages continuous improvement by celebrating their accomplishments and acknowledging the critical role they play in assisting the Port in meeting its environmental goals.

AWARD CHANGES

This year Port staff introduced the Small Business award to recognize small businesses whose outstanding environmental accomplishments meet award criteria and demonstrate support for Port environmental objectives.

2016 AWARD WINNERS

The Port received nine nominations and has selected five winners including one small business and one local non-profit organization. Award winners and key accomplishments are described by award category below and include applicable award type distinctions (e.g. Honor Roll, and Small Business award).

Environmental Performance

Beecher's Handmade Cheese (Small Business Award)

This award recognizes Beecher's outstanding environmental accomplishments including:

- Donating 6,670 meals (8,383 lbs. of food) through the Airport's Food Donation Program
- Implementing composting and recycling practices for employees, green cleaning practices, and conserving water using low-flow pitcher rinsers and refrigerated thawing of frozen items.

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Des Moines Area Food Bank (local non-profit organization)

This award recognizes and celebrates the Des Moines Area Food Bank, and our decade long partnership feeding our neighboring communities and reducing waste through the Airport's food donation program. The Des Moines Area Food Bank:

- Received and distributed nearly 50,000 lbs. of Airport food donations within the local Airport community (roughly 800 meals per week over entire year)
- Helped reduce Airport solid waste handling costs by avoiding \$3,400 in landfill disposal fees
- Since 2006, the food bank helped Airport tenants donate over 229,000 lbs. or 183,000 meals of nutritious, ready-to-eat food to families within neighboring airport communities.

HMSHost (Prime Airport Dining and Retail Operator) – Honor Roll

This award recognizes HMSHost's continued commitment to support Port sustainability objectives including food donation, energy conservation, and waste reduction and recycling. Honor Roll distinction is based on HMSHost's accomplishments in 2016 and past awards in 2015, 2014, 2013, 2011, and 2010. HMSHost:

- Donated 31,038 meals (38,798 lbs. of food) through the Airport Food Donation Program
- Donated \$12,000 (100% of customer donation program funds) and 40 backpacks to support the Des Moines Area Food Bank's Weekend Backpack Program serving local children
- Donated 20 used tables and 45 used chairs from office and restaurant renovations to local charitable organizations
- Recycled 45 tons of glass and 23 tons of cardboard from Airport warehouse, and kept 7,000 used pallets from landfill through a re-use program
- Replaced incandescent lights with energy-efficient LED light bulbs and replaced appliances with Energy-Star rated equipment
- Replaced disposable service ware with compostable and/or recyclable alternatives and disposal towels with laundry service.

Ivar's (Airport Dining and Retail Operator)

This award recognizes Ivar's waste reduction, recycling, and composting and water conservation programs. Ivar's:

- Reduced waste by choosing reusable liner-less trays over disposable bags for food service delivery, which generated 238,307 fewer paper "to-go" bags and an equally fewer amount of tray liners
- Recycled 30,000 plastic chowder bags by taking time to clean each bag prior to recycling
- Routinely used compost (food waste) and recycling bins to cut back-of-house restaurant waste in half
- Conserved water by thawing frozen products in walk-in coolers vs. running under cool water

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Environmental Innovation

Delta Air Lines (Airline)

This award recognizes Delta's innovative approach to energy conservation.

Delta:

- Installed approximately 8,000 square feet of auto-tinting and energy efficient View[®] Dynamic Glass in their new SEA SkyClub Lounge and expects to save 7.2% in annual energy costs while reducing energy consumption by 17,000 kWh

Environmental Education and Outreach

No award winners in this category.

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND

Airport staff created the Awards Program in 2010 such that one or more awards may be given each year, depending on the quality and quantity of nominations received. The Airport accepts nominations for any project, process, or action that promotes environmental leadership and stewardship in one of three Environmental categories:

- Performance
- Education and Outreach
- Innovation

NEXT STEPS

Port of Seattle Commissioners will have the opportunity to present commemorative plaques to award winners during the April 25, 2017 Commission meeting. Port staff will also acknowledge Environmental Excellence Award Winners through digital and print media outlets (e.g. Port website, social media, newsletters), a public press release, and a local public radio underwriting spot (88.5 FM KNKX formerly KPLU).

ATTACHMENTS TO THIS BRIEFING

- (1) Presentation slides

PREVIOUS COMMISSION BRIEFINGS

None