

1115-1200 FAA- The Odyssey from Bidding to Construction

Brian M. Tompkins, P.E., C.M., serves as a State Airport Engineer for Iowa for the FAA. Prior to joining the FAA in 2013, he worked for several airport consulting firms. In all, Mr. Tompkins has almost 20 years of experience in the planning, design, and construction of airports across the United States. Brian lives in Lenexa, Kansas with his wife Julie and their two children Dawson and Claire.

1330-1415 RS&H - Airports and PFAS: What's this about and what could it mean to my airport?

John A. Lengel Jr., P.E., ENV SP, VICE PRESIDENT

Over the last 30 years, John has been working for airports, providing airport environmental operations and management system consulting as operations have changed. Many of these efforts have involved stormwater, deicing, fueling, etc. as well as associated planning efforts addressing considerations of climate-driven weather changes. He often, in collaboration with airport staff, developed milestone-based approaches to project implementation that balanced short-term needs for construction and operation with long-term management needs that might arise from extreme weather conditions. He has worked with more than 40 airports nationwide providing environmental expertise specializing in sustainability planning documents, NPDES stormwater permitting, planning and airport deicing program management, compliance audits. These projects have had a variety of regulatory challenges and requirements resulting in an in-depth understanding of the breadth of aviation environmental issues.

1415-1500 USDA- Wildlife Management

Ernie Colboth is a Wildlife Biologist with USDA Wildlife Services. He has a B.S. degree in Agriculture and Natural Resources. Ernie has been working for Wildlife Services for 21 years with 15 of those years in Iowa. Ernie has been an FAA Certified Wildlife Biologist since 2005. Ernie has extensive experience in mitigating bird and mammal damage in urban, rural and airport environments. Ernie has worked closely with the Iowa DOT Office of Aviation and PART 139 airports in Iowa to provide technical assistance, site assessments and direct control mitigation since 2004.

Dennis Peloquin is an FAA Qualified Airport Wildlife Biologist with USDA Wildlife Services. He has a B.S. in Environmental Science from the University of Massachusetts and 8 years of experience managing airfields to reduce wildlife hazards to aviation. Over his career, Mr. Peloquin's expertise in wildlife biology and ecology has been an asset to airfield managers in reducing on-and-off site attractants at large commercial airports, small municipal airfields, military bases, and joint-use installations in Iowa, New York, New Jersey, and across Afghanistan. Currently, Mr. Peloquin primarily works with Sioux Gateway Airport and the 185th Air Refueling Wing, IA Air National Guard to mitigate avian and mammalian hazards to human health and safety on their joint-use airfield.

1530-1615 KLJ- UAS and your Airport

Mason Short has worked in numerous facets of general and commercial airports for almost 30 years, in airport management, FBO management, corporate flight operations, lease, contract and project administration. He has overseen multiple capital improvement and planning projects and successful air service development initiatives. He provides practical, balanced approach to planning projects and innovative solutions for issues faced at airports of all sizes. Before kids, he was an active pilot with Commercial, Instrument and Flight Instructor ratings. His vocation is his passion and helping communities stay safely connected through air travel is his overarching goal. Mason resides in Rapid City, SD where he enjoys all the outdoor activities of the Black Hills with his wife and 3 kids.

Andrew Zielike is an aviation planner with 12 years of experience in the aviation industry, including 10 years of experience in airport management at three commercial service airports. Andrew supports a range of planning services, including ALP updates, airport master planning, and project justification for general aviation and commercial service airports. As a FAA Part 107 licensed UAS operator, he provides the visual tools to help the customer make informed decisions, develop effective solutions, and engage the community and stakeholders. He is experienced in the collection of aerial photography/videography and aerial mapping for public engagement efforts, project renderings, traffic simulation, and construction support. Andrew graduated from the University of North Dakota with a BBA in Airport Management and is a licensed private pilot.

1615-1700 Team Insight – Community and Passenger Engagement

BRUCE E. TARLETSKY, PRESIDENT / TEAM MANAGER - Business Development Strategist
Bruce has over 25 years of air service development, strategic planning, fleet forecasting and aviation marketing experience and importantly has spent many years in management positions at numerous airports. Bruce specializes in air service development to improve the ability of an airport to generate additional revenue and provide more options for community members for air service. In addition, Bruce has assisted nearly 60 airport clients in community outreach and airport marketing to maintain and expand air service. He has worked on a wide-range of projects involving catchment area analysis, market assessment, route forecasting, route proposals, marketing and advertising, strategic planning and implementation, and the establishment of air service incentive plans. Mr. Tarletsky is also the founder of the Airports Council International - North America's annual air service "Jump Start" Program.