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Lowell Pratte, Veteran Airport Executive Retires; Petty Named Officer of International Association

April 23, 2007 (Louisville, KY)—Lowell Pratte, Deputy Executive Director for Operations for the Louisville Regional Airport Authority, recently announced his retirement, effective May 1—after 17 years of service to the Authority.

Prior to his tenure in Louisville, Pratte served as director of aviation at the Albuquerque International Airport for ten years.

In addition to serving as the Authority's chief operating officer for Louisville International Airport and Bowman Field, Pratte held key leadership positions in The American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE)—including serving as chair of the board of directors in 2005. He also served on the AA AE Board of Examiners and as president of the South Central Chapter of AA AE.



Pratte is the recipient of several AA AE honors, including the Chairman's Award in 1999 and the Distinguished Service Award in 1997. Pratte attended Auburn University where he earned a bachelor's degree in aviation management.

Steve Petty, Director of Public Safety for the Louisville Regional Airport Authority, was recently appointed Second Vice President of the board of directors of the Aviation Law Enforcement Agencies Network (ALEAN). ALEAN is an international organization of law enforcement agencies dedicated to sharing information about airport-related crimes to provide a more secure environment for the traveling public.