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## **Louisville Regional Airport Authority Names New Executive Director**

*Dan Mann comes from Columbia, South Carolina*

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (January 17, 2018)** – The Louisville Regional Airport Authority (LRAA) today selected Dan Mann as Executive Director of the LRAA effective in March 2018. Mann is currently Executive Director of the Columbia, South Carolina Metropolitan Airport. He will succeed C.T. “Skip” Miller who has led the LRAA since 2003 and is retiring in March.



“We are extremely pleased that an airport executive with Dan’s experience, vision and accomplishment will take on this important leadership role,” said Jim Welch, Chairman of the LRAA Board of Directors.

“I am honored to have the opportunity to help lead and grow air service in a region anchored by such an exceptional city as Louisville,” said Mann. “I am committed to working with the Board and staff of the LRAA as well as the entire community to make Louisville International Airport (SDF) and Bowman Field (LOU), the finest in the nation.”

Mann has more than 25 years experience in airport management and air service development. At Columbia Metropolitan Airport (CAE), he led the airport to five consecutive years of passenger growth – a milestone that had not been reached in 40 years. He also spearheaded a \$58 million capital improvement program, which included various sustainability initiatives such as the development of a five-acre solar farm on the airport’s campus. In addition, Mann implemented a comprehensive Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) outreach initiative, leading to national recognition of the Columbia airport for its DBE Participation Program.

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Prior to being named Executive Director in Columbia, he was Executive Director of the Eastern Iowa Airport in Cedar Rapids and before that he was manager of the airport in Casper, Wyoming.

“Dan excels in all facets of airport management, but it is his proven ability to communicate and connect with airport customers and employees, as well as community and business leaders that sets him apart. The most important economic engine in our area will be in good hands,” added Welch.

“As Skip Miller’s service to our community comes to an end, I want to acknowledge our debt to him,” said Welch. “Because of Skip’s disciplined leadership, our airports are in excellent financial condition and are well positioned for continued growth and success.”

Mann is a graduate of Bowling Green State University, is a licensed pilot and served as an officer in the United States Air Force for five years. Dan and his wife, Melissa, are originally from Ohio and look forward to becoming part of the community.

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