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Team Led by Denver International Airport Wins Prestigious Innovation Competition for Emergency Notification System Concept

DENVER — Dec. 10, 2015 — A team led by Denver International Airport (DEN) has won a prestigious national innovations award for the development of an emergency communications system concept that could one day be applied to airports across the country.

The 2015 Airport Consultants Council (ACC) Young Professionals Innovation Competition, sponsored by the Arnold W. Thompson Charitable Trust, encourages innovative thinking among young professionals who are involved in the development and operations of airports. The competition judges entries based on originality, potential value to the airport development industry, feasibility, presentation quality and teamwork. Participants must also be 35 or younger.

The winning team was led by DEN project manager Megan Moser, along with DEN project engineer David McLeod, Iron Horse Architects project architect Courtney Brand, and Jensen Hughes fire protection engineer Julie Buffam.

The team's submission, "Emergency Communication Systems," proposes the development of a universal emergency communication system that could be used at airports throughout the world via a mobile notification system that would send an emergency message to people within a certain geographic area from the airport. The team's proposal also included the development of a mobile app that would guide users to amenities such as shelter, life-safety equipment, transportation and lodging.

"We are very proud of this team of young professionals for their creative thinking about how technology can improve the passenger experience at airports around the world," said airport CEO Kim Day. "We are currently vetting their work for potential implementation, as we strive to keep DEN at the forefront of innovation."

Each of the winning team members will receive a cash prize of \$500 and the opportunity to present their concept at the 2016 ACC/American Association of Airport Executives Airport Planning, Design and Construction Symposium held in Salt Lake City, Utah in March 2016.

"We are extremely thrilled to have DEN work with ACC members as a team on this growing international competition," said ACC President T.J. Schulz. "We were impressed by the outcome of the project. It is a testament to the team's innovative thinking and speaks to the role our future leaders will have in shaping and transforming the airport development industry."

About Airport Consultants Council

ACC is the global trade association that represents private businesses involved in the development and operations of airports and related facilities. ACC is the only association that focuses exclusively on the business interests of firms with airport-related technical expertise. ACC informs its members of new trends while promoting fair competition and procurement practices that protect the industry's bottom line. Founded in 1978, ACC Headquarters is located in the Washington, D.C. area.

Denver International Airport is the 17th-busiest airport in the world and the fifth-busiest airport in the United States. With more than 53 million passengers traveling through the airport each year, DEN is one of the busiest airline hubs in the world's largest aviation market. DEN is the primary economic engine for the state of Colorado, generating more than \$26 billion for the region annually. For more information visit, check us out on [YouTube](#), [Pinterest](#), and [Instagram](#), like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#).

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