

The Melbourne Airport Authority Announces New Appointment for Executive Director



Greg Donovan, A.A.E.

Melbourne, FL – Greg Donovan, A.A.E., will join the Melbourne International Airport (MLB) as Executive Director starting August 1, 2014.

Donovan will be responsible for managing the operations, maintenance and security of the airport as well as planning, organizing, coordinating and directing the internal procedures of the departmental operations including finance, accounting, leasing procedures, purchasing, airport safety regulations, and terminal operations.

Donovan's experience encompasses over 23 years as a leader in the aviation industry, including senior-level management positions in Pensacola and Okaloosa County, Florida. Most recently, Donovan served as the Airport Director at Pensacola International Airport (PNS), the nation's 98th largest commercial service airport that accommodates more than 1.5 million passengers annually. He was responsible for overseeing a \$27 million annual budget and 53 full-time employees.

"We are thrilled to have Greg Donovan joining our team," said William Potter, Chairman of the City of Melbourne Airport Authority. "ADK Executive Search did the groundwork and presented us with some excellent candidates, and Greg will be a great fit. Richard Ennis is leaving the airport in great shape and well-positioned for Greg to take things to the next level in Economic Development. I look forward to working with him."

"I am very impressed with the future potential of Melbourne International Airport and enthusiastically accept this invitation to lead the organization." stated Donovan "It is a career opportunity and I look forward to working with the airport authority staff and board members who are focused on business development on Florida's Space Coast".

Donovan elected to make the move based upon the airport's outstanding reputation within the aviation industry, advancements in business development, and particular successes in the aerospace and aircraft manufacturing sectors. Recently, Northrop Grumman announced expansion plans in Melbourne associated with "Project Magellan" that would entail \$500 million in further capital investment and provide up to 1,800 new jobs.

Donovan earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Aviation Management from the Florida Institute of Technology. He is an Accredited Airport Executive (A.A.E.) with the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) and has served as the President of the Florida Airports Council. Additionally, Donovan was named Aviation Professional of the Year in 2011 from the Florida Department of Transportation.

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