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LE SUEUR AIRPORT RECEIVES AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

The Minnesota Council of Airports (MCOA) awarded the City of Le Sueur and Bolton & Menk, Inc. the Award of Excellence for General Aviation Airports at the Minnesota Airport Conference on April 16, 2009. This award recognizes outstanding work in project design and efficiency in maximizing the use of public funds for airport improvement projects.

In 2007, the City of Le Sueur needed to reconstruct their existing Runway 13-31, which was originally constructed in 1972. The existing pavement was showing signs of deterioration from seasonal wear of the pavement and the use by General Aviation aircraft. Bolton & Menk reviewed several alternatives and recommended the most economical reconstruction design using local, Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) Aviation and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant funding resources. The project included reconstructing Runway 13-31, apron and connecting taxiway, as well as reconstructing the existing Medium Intensity Runway Lighting (MIRL) system for Runway 13-31 with new Precision Approach Path Indicators (PAPI's) and Runway End Identifier Lights (REIL's) navigational aids. Additional customer parking and a new access route to the existing hangar sites were added to improve safety by eliminating vehicular traffic from crossing the airside apron. The end result of this project is a new runway, taxiway and apron with an updated and safer lighting and navigation system that complies with FAA Standards and meets the needs of the Le Sueur Airport users for years to come.

Bolton & Menk, Inc., ranked in the Top 500 Engineering Firms in the nation by *Engineering News Record* (ENR), provides services in the areas of aviation planning and engineering and civil and municipal, water and wastewater, water resources, and traffic and transportation engineering. The firm also provides environmental review, land surveying and mapping services. Our staff of nearly 250 professionals and technicians is available to assist clients in meeting the ever-increasing demand for quality engineering and surveying services. Having corporate offices in Mankato, the firm also operates offices in Fairmont, Sleepy Eye, Burnsville, Willmar, Chaska and Ramsey, Minnesota and Ames, Iowa.

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