



# Airport recognized for excellence by national engineering associations

## *Procurement policies for selecting engineering firms cited*

INDIANAPOLIS—The Indianapolis Airport Authority (IAA) has received a 2009 QBS Award by the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) and the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE).

The Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS) Award for Professional Procurement Practices was created by ACEC and NSPE to recognize public and private entities for excellence in utilizing QBS selection process the non-governmental and governmental sectors at state and local levels.

IAA was nominated for its inclusive, qualifications-based approach to selecting airport planning, architecture, environmental, engineering design, construction, and other key business partners. The nominating firms included Woolpert, Inc., Aerofinity, Hanson Professional Services, and R.W. Armstrong & Associates.

“It is refreshing to work with an organization that has a common-sense approach to capital project definition, consultant selection, project planning, project design, and construction. It shows in the growth of the airport and the projects IAA has accomplished while maintaining their commitment to safety, operations, infrastructure development, and service to the traveling public,” wrote Todd Schultheis, vice president of R.W. Armstrong, in his nomination letter.

Reported Joseph Worley, senior project manager for Hanson Professional Services, “The Indianapolis Airport Authority...(has) consistently supported, abided by, and emphasized qualifications-based selection in a manner above and beyond the typical airport authority. They have a long-standing reputation of quality procurement and contracting practices... (and) they consistently treat consultants with fairness, respect, and trust.”

IAA also created a “strong minority/disadvantaged business program while following the qualifications-based selection process,” noted Susan Schalk, president of Aerofinity.

For more information about the QBS Award, visit [www.acec.org](http://www.acec.org).