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**Kevin Smith, A.A.E., Earns Professional Airport Accreditation**

*Joins elite group of airport executives who have completed all requirements of the 61-year-old program*

**ALEXANDRIA, Va.** – Mr. Kevin Smith, A.A.E., General Manager, Truckee Tahoe Airport, Truckee, CA has been awarded the distinction of Accredited Airport Executive (A.A.E.) by the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE).

To qualify for his distinction, Kevin had to successfully complete three phases of the accreditation process: (1) pass a 180-item multiple-choice examination, (2) fulfill a writing requirement, and (3) demonstrate, in the final interview by a panel of A.A.E.s, his knowledge of airport management, business administration, and general transportation economics. Kevin's achievement attests to his ability to meet these stringent requirements and his experience in managing a public airport.

By fulfilling all the requirements leading to the title of Accredited Airport Executive, Kevin joins a select group of individuals who have earned the designation in the nearly six decades of the accreditation program's existence. At present, fewer than 10 percent of AAAE's members throughout the country have earned the distinction.

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