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Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport Recipient of Balchen/Post Award

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(Anchorage)—The Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport is the recipient of the Balchen/Post award for excellence in the performance of airport snow and ice control during the winter of 2006-2007. This is the fourth year that the Airport's Airfield Maintenance Department has been the recipient of this prestigious award.

The award is sponsored by the American Association of Airport Executives and its purpose is promote better snow and ice control and to recognize those individuals responsible for outstanding performance. The criterion for selection includes: degree of in-depth preparedness, snow and ice control plan, equipment readiness, personnel training, and overall safety awareness.

Governor Sarah Palin said, "The team and leadership at Stevens International are evident through prestigious awards such as this, and in my travels as well. The traveling public continues to have a safe and reliable airport in a state that frequently experiences many challenges, including arctic-type weather."

"The Airfield Maintenance Team, led by Dan Hartman, has done an outstanding job with snow removal and that's why this Airport has never closed for snow. They are truly professionals and have provided a safe environment for the movement of aircraft, vehicles and travelers," said Airport Director Morton V. Plumb Jr.

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