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**GAINESVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT ANNOUNCES NEW DIRECTOR OF
FACILITIES & MAINTENANCE**

Gainesville, FL – April 18, 2003 – The Gainesville Regional Airport announces Allan J. Penska as its senior manager in charge of facilities and maintenance, responsible for planning, coordinating and supervising all activities related to facilities maintenance and facilities development at the airport. He will collaborate with government officials, airline representatives, consultants, tenants, patrons and the general public.



Mr. Penska has extensive experience in aviation. From 1987 to 1999 he was Airport Director of the Venango Regional Airport in Franklin, PA and was subsequently promoted to the position of County Community Services Administrator.

During his tenure at the airport, Mr. Penska was responsible for numerous airport planning and capital improvement projects. Among his accomplishments were a new passenger terminal and full service restaurant, several new hangar buildings and renovations, runway rehabilitation, taxiways and other paving projects, upgrade of

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airfield lighting systems, fencing and security improvements, fuel storage facility improvements and real property and equipment purchases.

Mr. Penksa attended the Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, FL, where he obtained a B.S. degree, with high honors, in Aviation Management and a Master's degree in Business Administration. Mr. Penksa enjoys flying and building experimental aircraft, team sports and oil painting. His wife Carolyn and two daughters, Maddie and Elaine, will join him soon in Gainesville.

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