Agenda
2025 Southern Region Airports Conference
February 4 to 6

Wyndham Atlanta Buckhead Hotel & Conference Center,
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CORE VALUES

Integrity – Collaboration – Innovation

Tuesday, February 4 - General Session — Heritage Rooms A, B, and C

Start Time	Event	Presenter
0800 (to **1530**)	**Registration & Helpdesk (by Buckhead B Room)**	
1300	**Welcome Remarks**	Steven Hicks, Director, Southern Region, Office of Airports
1330	**FY2023 and FY2024 Regional Safety Awards Presentation**	Steven Hicks, Director, Southern Region, Office of Airport
1400	**2024 FAA Reauthorization**	Matt Klein, Operations Research Analyst, Washington D. C., Office of Airports
1430	**Planning and Programming Branch Update**	Cathy Nelmes, Manager ASO-610, Southern Region, Office of Airports
1500	**Safety and Standards Branch Update**	Melissa Y. Rivera-Davis, Manager ASO-620, Southern Region, Office of Airports
1530	**End of Day Wrap Up**	Jasmine Evains, Deputy Director, Southern Region, Office of Airports

Wednesday, February 5

Start Time	Heritage A (General)	Heritage B (Safety and Engineering)	Heritage C (Compliance and Environment)	Buckhead A and B (Planning and Finance)
0700-0900	Helpdesk (By Buckhead B Room)			
0800	FAA Land Use Change Policy	2024 Part 139 Inspections Lessons Learned	Wildlife Hazard Management Plan	Best Practices for Preparation of Aviation Forecasts
0900	ATL ADO Case Study: Exhibit A Requirements and Lessons Learned from GDOT Statewide Project	Airport Water Rescue Plans	Airports Compliance Program Overview	Environmental Overview: From Planning to Shovel – NEPA and Special Purpose Environmental Laws
0950	Break			
1015	FAA STEM Aviation and Space Education: Overview and Strategic Partnerships to Maximize Benefits	Handling and Storing Hazardous Materials	Planning for Compliance: Airport Leasing Standards	Procurement Issues Including 2 CFR 200
1100	Lunch			
1300	JAN ADO Case Study: Mobile Downtown Airport (BFM) Transformation	Safety Management Systems for Airports	Piecing Together Multiple Projects and Dos/ Don'ts for the Environmental Review Process	Airport Terminal Eligibility and Proration
1400	MEM ADO Case Study: NC DOT Storm Coordination and Recovery	Construction Safety for Airport Projects	Airport Compliance Program Updates & Roundtable	Navigating Federal Payment and Audits
1450	Break			

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1510	ORL ADO Case Study: F3 Foam Transition: Lessons Learned with Naples Airport Authority	Runway Safety Area Inventory, Inspections, and Determinations	Emerging Entrants –AAM & UAS, National Perspective	All About PFCs: Updates and Audits
1510-1710	State Directors' Meeting – Invitation Only			

Thursday, February 6

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0800	Helpdesk – (By Buckhead B Room)			
0900	Airport Geographic Information System (AGIS) Survey Program Future – A Focus on Geospatial Mapping	Airport Pavement Maintenance Program: Requirements and PCR Reporting	Changing Environment for Airport NEPA and Noise Programs	IIJA AIG Fund Reallocation Program: Utilization of FY2022 IIJA AIG Funds
1000	Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) and Airports	Updating Information in Airport Data and Information Portal (ADIP)	Runway Safety Program	ALP Review including Reauthorization Section 743
1050	Break			
1110	Advanced Air Mobility on Orlando International Airport (MCO)	Standards for Airport Sign Systems - New Advisory Circular Changes	Drone Use on Airport: ATL	Transition from Aqueous Film-Forming Foam (AFFF) to Fluorine-Free Foam (F3)
1210	Best Practices when Submitting Airspace Cases	Recordkeeping Requirements: Maintenance, NAVAIDs, and ARFF Training	[No Session]	AIP, PFC, and IIJA Eligibility: What's the Same – What's Different?

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1320	Closing Remarks			
1330-1500	FAA Staff Available - All Rooms			