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**RE: Oregon Airport Manager of the Year Award**

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**“ELM’s Crook Receives Award in Oregon”**

**Big Flats** – Ann Crook, Airport Manager of the Elmira Corning Regional Airport (ELM) has received the Oregon Airport Management Association (OAMA) ‘Airport Manager of the Year Award’ at the 2007 Tri-State (Washington/Oregon/Idaho) Airport Managers Conference. The award was presented to Crook, in absentia, at the annual conference held in Moscow Idaho, September 26-28, 2007. Crook was recognized for her work at the Klamath Falls Airport where she had been Airport Director from 2004 until coming to ELM in June of this year. Crook also served as President of the Oregon Airport Management Association in 1999-2000 and from 2006 until she moved from the area.

The purpose of the award is to recognize an airport manager who has demonstrated superior performance over the past year. Ms. Crook was selected from over 70 Oregon airport managers by a majority of nominations from her peers. Noting her leadership in several statewide aviation initiatives, Gary W. LeTellier, AAE, President of OAMA said in a letter to Crook, “Your commitment to excellence in the field of aviation management brings great credit to you and has greatly benefited your colleagues and constituents in the profession. It is my great honor to bestow this award to you on behalf of the entire OAMA organization. Good luck and well wishes from your associates in Oregon.”

Crook was given a plaque which reads, "Commending your professionalism, positive working relationships and advocacy for the Klamath Falls Airport and in recognition of your outstanding achievement for the industry in the State of Oregon"

Tom Santulli, Chemung County Executive said, “We are very fortunate to have a manager with the credentials and background that Ann has. Her organizational and leadership skills are evident even in the few short months that she has been at the airport. I offer her my sincere congratulations on receiving this award.”

The OAMA is a statewide organization of Airport Managers, Airport Executives and individuals within Oregon communities who carry the responsibility for managing their local airport.

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