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Minnesota Aviation Education employees earn federal recognition

ST. PAUL, Minn.—Four Minnesota Department of Transportation employees were recognized today by the Federal Aviation Administration for outstanding and consistent promotion of K-12 aviation education throughout Minnesota.

Joyce Scott, FAA Regional Administrators Office, presented award certificates to Mn/DOT Office of Aeronautics Aviation Education section employees Janese Thatcher, Darlene Dahlseide, Shalette Cauley-Wandrick and Marilyn Gaiovnik at a special awards ceremony in Minneapolis.

“It is quite an honor to have the FAA recognize our Aviation Education Team,” said Raymond Rought, Director, Mn/DOT Office of Aeronautics. “It clearly demonstrates the quality and excellence Mn/DOT employees bring to the people of Minnesota.”

“We are all pleasantly surprised and very pleased by this recognition,” said Janese Thatcher, Aviation Education Section manager. “It truly is an honor to be recognized by a respected agency like the FAA!”

The Mn/DOT Office of Aeronautics Aviation Education Section also won recognition for its Aviation Career Curriculum and Education Program from the National Association of State Aviation Officials at their annual conference in September in New Orleans.

More information about Mn/DOT’s Aviation Education section is available at <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/aero/aved/index.html>.

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