

National Award given to former Mn/DOT Director

Ray J Rought, former Director of Aeronautics, received the prestigious Kenneth A. Rowe Ambassador of Aviation Award at the 76th Annual National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO) Convention. The Convention was held recently in Portland, Oregon

This award, established in 1994, is presented in the name of Kenneth A. Rowe to honor State Aviation directors "who embody the spirit, optimism, and fierce pride, in the capabilities of the state aviation agencies." It is only given upon unanimous consent of the NASAO Board of Directors.

Since 1994, only 5 other State Directors have received this award. Ray Rought is the 6th State Director to receive the Ambassador of Aviation Award.



Its an Aeronautics Threepeat!

At the same 76th Annual National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO) convention, Mn/DOT Aeronautics Aviation Safety, Education, & Training Manager Janese Thatcher received the Most Innovative State Program Award. The award

is given to a state program that contributes to the quality of service in the aviation community and/or the general public. It was judged against other state programs for its creative means for supporting aviation, its cost versus return of the program, ease of program implementation, and the extent to which the program addresses an unmet need of the aviation community.

The award recognized the MN Aviation Safety program which is a proactive program for reducing and eliminating general aviation accidents and fatalities. This is the third national award that Janese has received for Aviation Safety, Education, and Training section programs.

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