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## **Tri-Cities Airport Director Selected Top 40 Under 40**

Pasco, WA – On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the *Airport Business* magazine announced the winners of the 2017 Top 40 under 40 program. The Tri-Cities Airport Director, Buck Taft was selected to the prestigious list that showcases the top talent and leading thinkers in the aviation industry who are driving success and innovations for the future.

“The 2017 Top 40 Under 40 represent the truly remarkable young professionals in the aviation industry, who are transforming how North America moves,” said Joe Petrie, editor-in-chief of *Airport Business* magazine. “With such a robust crop of winners in 2017 representing so many different facets of the industry, there is clear evidence for optimism when it comes to the current pool of talented professionals who will be leading the industry in the next decade.”

“Buck is a great addition to this notable list of young professionals,” stated Randy Hayden, Executive Director of the Port of Pasco. “He has dedicated his career to the advancement of aviation industry, and committed to the success and growth of the Tri-Cities Airport in our region. The Port is proud of Buck and delighted that he is being recognized for his leadership.”

The winners are chosen by a panel of ACC judges in conjunction with the editorial staff of *Airport Business*. Candidates for 2017 were vetted on innovation, outstanding attributes, and commitment and involvement in the industry. This year's winners were chosen by a panel of ACC judges in conjunction with the editorial staff of *Airport Business*.

This is the sixth year of the Top 40 program. Many past honorees are now leading major institutions and projects of the aviation industry due to their dedication and recognition for their valuable skills.

The Top 40 Under 40 honorees will also be featured in the November 2017 issue of *Airport Business* and online at [www.AviationPros.com](http://www.AviationPros.com).