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Airport Revenue News (ARN) Announces Winners of 2006 Best Concessions Poll

Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, March 6, 2006... Airport Revenue News (ARN) announced the 2006 winners of its prestigious annual Best Concessions Poll at its annual Airport Revenue Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. The awards ceremony recognizing excellence in the airport concessions industry was held at Pure, the trendy Caesars Palace nightclub. The awards and ceremony were the culmination of three successful days of exhibiting, networking and learning at ARN's Airport Revenue Conference. For the eleventh year in a row the poll results, published in the March ARN issue, reflect the industry's choice for the best concession programs and the best concessionaires of the year in U.S. airports.

"Winning in the ARN competition is an enormous accomplishment because the standards of quality continue to rise in the industry and the number of excellent programs and operators continue to grow," says Pauline Armbrust, publisher of ARN. "It is interesting to see some newcomers making a splash in the industry and other airports and companies consistently winning categories each year as a result of their tireless pursuit of excellence."

As always, this year's judges were chosen for their broad-based expertise and knowledge about concessions. The judges are separated into two groups: Concessionaire judges vote for nominees in airport program categories; airport judges vote for stores and restaurant nominees in concessionaire categories. The nominees were chosen in an earlier process by readers due to their noticeably high standards of excellence in a variety of categories.

Below are the winners of ARN's 2006 Poll.

Airport Revenue News is the airport industry's leading trade magazine and information resource covering all airport revenue issues, including airport concession issues. The monthly magazine is published out of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

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Winners of ARN's 2006 Best Airport Concessions Poll

Airports

Single Terminal Category

Airport with Best Concessions Management Team

Phoenix International -Terminal 3

Single terminal winner of multiple categories:

Terminal with Best Concessions Design,

Best Customer Service

Most Unique Services

Newark Liberty International Airport Terminal C

Small Airports Category

Small airport winner of multiple categories:

Airport with Best Concessions Design

Palm Beach International

Best Customer Service Airport-Wide, Best Concessions Management Team and Most Unique Services

San Antonio International

Airport with the Best Overall Concession Program

Austin-Bergstrom International

Medium Airports Category

Airport with Best Concessions Management Team

Salt Lake City International

Medium airport winner of multiple categories:

Airport with Best Concessions Design, (in a two-way tie), and Best Customer Service Airport-Wide

Midway International

Medium airport winner of multiple categories:

Airport with Best Concessions Design (tied with Midway)

Most Unique Services

Best Overall Concession Program

Pittsburgh International

Large Airports Category

Airport with Best Concessions Design

Baltimore/Washington International

Airport with the Best Customer Service Airport-Wide

Orlando International

Airport with the Most Unique Services

McCarran International

Large airport winner of multiple categories:

Airport with Best Concessions Management Team

Terminal with Best Overall Concession Program (single terminal category)

Minneapolis/St. Paul International

Airport with the Best Overall Concession Program

San Francisco International

Large Retailer Winners

Best Airport Retail Store Design

L'Occitane

Best New Specialty Retail Concept

Jos. A. Bank

Best Retail Specialty Brand Operator

Borders Group, Inc. for Borders Books

Best Airport News & Gift Operator

The Hudson Group

Large retailer with multiple category wins:

Retailer With Highest Regard for Customer Service

Best Airport Retailer

The Paradies Shop

Small Retailer Winners

Best New Specialty Retail Concept

XpresSpa

Best Airport Retail Store Design

Fire & Ice

Retailer With Highest Regard For Customer Service

CBR Inc.

Best Airport News & Gift Operator

Stellar Partners

Small retailer with multiple category wins:

Best Retail Specialty Brand Operator

Best Airport Retailer

Airport Wireless/PalmOne

Large Food Operator Winners (7 winners)

Large food operator with multiple category wins:

Best Food/Beverage Brand Operator

Best Airport Food & Beverage Operator

Anton Airfood for Gallaghers

Large food operator with multiple category wins:

Best New Food & Beverage Concept

Food Operator with Highest Regard for Customer Service

Best Airport Restaurant Design

Stanfords Restaurant & Bar

Small Food Operator Winners

Best Airport Restaurant Design

Rose City Cafe & Wine Bar

Best Food/Beverage Brand Operator

Panda Express for Panda Express

Best Airport Food & Beverage Operator

Boston Culinary Group for FIGs

Small food operator with multiple category wins:

Best New Food & Beverage Concept

Food Operator with Highest Regard for Customer Service

Famous Famiglia

Best DBE Operator

Stellar Partners