



The Phil Brito Project of the Year Award



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Phil began his FAA career in 1973 as a civil engineer for the Facilities and Equipment (F&E) Branch in the Airway Facilities Division. He remained in F&E, where he held positions of increasing responsibility, until 1985 when he joined the Aviation Consumer Affairs Staff as a Program Analyst. Phil began working in the Airports Division as an Airport Certification Safety Specialist in 1986. He eventually transferred to the NY ADO as the Upstate NY Section Supervisor. Most recently, Phil served as Manager of the New York Airports District Office from 1990 to 2005, during which time he had overall responsibility for the improvement and development of airports and regional airport system planning in New York State and New Jersey. Phil enjoyed his work immensely and appreciated the support, hard work and enthusiasm of the people who worked along side him, and always thought the NY ADO Manager to be "The best job in the FAA".

BACKGROUND

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ELIGIBILITY

Entries must be an airport planning or construction/design project completed within the previous calendar year.

The project must benefit an airport or airports located in New York State.

The airport and consulting firm must be current members of NYAMA, or join NYAMA at the time they submit their entry.

ENTRY CATEGORIES

PLANNING PROJECT- These projects may include master planning, airport site selection, strategic planning, business/financial planning, rates & charges development, or other airport planning work.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT-These projects may include design and/or construction administration of airport-related civil or structural construction projects.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

A panel of judges from the New York State Department of Transportation's Aviation Bureau will evaluate the entries and select the NYAMA Grand Award and Honorable Mention for the Planning and the Construction categories. The entries will be judged based on the following criteria:

Project Enhances or Expands Airport's Capabilities or Services (Service type/capacity is increased, added, re-established)	20%
Creativity/Originality/Innovation in Applying FAA Standards (novel, creative use of products or design techniques)	20%
Social, Economic, and/or Sustainable Design-Planning Considerations (community asset, revenue enhancement, environmental, etc.)	20%
Complexity (multi-discipline, multi-stage, multi-agency, etc.)	10%
Exceeding Owner's Expectations (original objectives met plus additional benefits achieved)	10%
Future Value to the Aviation Planning or Engineering Professions (Project signifies proven success for addressing similar airport needs)	20%

AWARDS

The Phil Brito Project of the Year award will be presented annually to both the airport sponsor and the aviation consultant at the NYAMA Fall Conference. The winning entrants will be notified no later than September first of each year.

ENTRY FEE

Each entry must be accompanied by an entry fee of \$250. All entry fees will be used for a student scholarship on behalf of NYAMA and its members.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Completed entry applications should be submitted to the NYAMA offices by 8/1/2025. Applications should be sent to the address listed on the application. Applications should include the completed NYAMA project of the year entry form and four (4) copies of the following (with the exception of the project board):

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Executive summary shall be one (1) single-sided page.

Project title and entry category must appear at the top of the page.

Describe the problem and solution.

Airport and consultant names shall not be included in the letter. The terms "Airport" and "Consultant" shall be used.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Five page, single-sided maximum length.

Project title and entry category must appear at the top of the first page

Project Description may combine text, photos, graphs, etc.

Describe the Airport and its role in the state aviation system

Describe the role of the consultants participating in the project

Brief description of the merits of the project addressing each of the following:

1. Project Enhances or Expands Airport's Capabilities or Services: (Service type/capacity is increased, added, re-established).
2. Creativity/Originality/Innovation in Applying FAA Standards:(novel, creative use of products or design techniques)
3. Social, Economic, and/or Sustainable Design-Planning Considerations: (community asset, revenue enhancement, environmental, etc.)
4. Complexity: (multi-discipline, multi-stage, multi-agency, etc.)
5. Exceeding Owner's Expectations: (original objectives met plus additional benefits achieved)
6. Future Value to the Aviation Planning or Engineering Professions (Project signifies proven success for addressing similar airport needs)

Airport and consultant names shall not be included in the Project Description. The terms "Airport" and "Consultant" shall be used.

PROJECT BOARD (ONLY PDF FOR PRINT NEEDED)

A graphical/pictorial summary of the project will be mounted on a 24" by 36" foam board by the NYAMA office.

Logos can be included on the project board but are limited to a maximum 3" by 5", in one corner of the board. During judging the logo will be covered by an opaque card.

Please submit your finalized project board, ready for print in PDF format to info@nyama.aero.

**PHIL BRITO PROJECT OF THE YEAR
OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**

Furnish all information requested below for each entry. **Provide a separate entry form for each submittal.** Firm, project and client/owner's name should be typed or printed as they are to appear on the award. Please limit the project name to 45 characters. A fee of \$250 must be submitted with each entry. Make checks payable to: **New York Aviation Management Association.**

PROJECT TYPE/LOCATION

Project Name (limit to 45 characters): _____

Judge this entry in the following category (*check one*):

Category A Planning Project

Category B Design/Construction Project

Project Location: Airport _____ City: _____

BUDGET AND SCHEDULE

Completion/Use Dates: Scheduled _____ Actual _____

Category A Costs: Scheduled _____ Actual _____

Category B Costs: Scheduled _____ Actual _____

ABOUT THE FIRM(S) SUBMITTING THE PROJECT

Entering Firm(s):

Project Manager(s):

Firm Representative:

Address: _____ City _____ State

_____ Zip _____

Phone: (_____) _____ E-Mail

I hereby authorize submission of this project into the NYAMA Project of the Year Award competition. I hereby grant the New York Aviation Management Association the right to display, reproduce and use, in any manner, the presentation materials submitted for this competition.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SEND THIS FORM WITH ALL OTHER APPLICATION DOCUMENTS TO:

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