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ECP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PARKER MCCLELLAN, EARNS PRESTIGIOUS FLORIDA 500 RECOGNITION

McClellan is recognized for outstanding leadership in logistics and transportation

PANAMA CITY, Fla. (November 13, 2026) — Parker McClellan, executive director of Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport (ECP), has been named to Florida Trend magazine's prestigious Florida 500 list, recognizing his leadership and influence in the state's logistics and transportation industry sector. The annual award recognizes Florida's 500 most influential business leaders whose contributions go beyond their day-to-day work to drive Florida's economic success.

Since becoming ECP's executive director in 2013, McClellan has led a long period of unprecedented growth. ECP has experienced consistent record-breaking passenger activity levels. In 2025, ECP welcomed a record 1.9 million passengers, a 3.1 percent increase over the prior year, and this year the Airport is on track to welcome more passengers than ever before.

ECP's continued rise has earned significant national recognition. In the 2026 USA TODAY 10Best Readers' Choice Awards, ECP rose as the No. 2 Best Resort Airport in the nation, up two positions from 2025.

"It is a tremendous honor to be recognized alongside so many incredible leaders throughout Florida," said Parker W. McClellan Jr., A.A.E. "My career at ECP has always been rooted in economic development and elevating the passenger experience to ensure a safe, enjoyable and convenient journey. As our industry continues to see changes in so many aspects of transportation

and logistics, it's very rewarding to play a role in the momentum we're building in Northwest Florida."

Driving economic growth, attracting new industries, and shaping the future of the Region has always been a key priority for McClellan during his time as executive director.

"I'm incredibly proud of the work we're doing alongside our regional partners to ensure continued progress for Northwest Florida," he added.

Major economic development announcements and projects like IAG Aero Group and Premier Aviation are bringing millions of capital investment to the Region and creating hundreds of high-way jobs, generating a significant initial economic boost and bolstering the Region's reputation as a center for aviation excellence.

"This well-deserved recognition is a testament to the leadership and unwavering commitment Parker brings to the job every day," said Will Cramer, Chair of the Airport Board of Directors. "This honor reflects his dedication to the economic growth of our Region and to ensuring travelers receive the very best ECP can offer."

In addition to economic development projects, enhancing the passenger experience remains a top priority for ECP leadership.

ECP's passenger perks include multiple art exhibits, a new ECP FlyBrary program in partnership with the Northwest Regional Library System, and the Airport's beloved ECP Wheels Up Summer Music Series, a signature tradition bringing live music to the Terminal.

ECP continues to broaden its flight offerings as well with new nonstop service to iconic destinations like New York City, Boston and Austin. These and other nonstop routes continue to encourage tourism to Northwest Florida and offer convenient travel options for locals.

ECP's 80,000 square-foot North Terminal Expansion reflects its continued growth, bringing three new gates, six new airline baggage offices, and four additional baggage claim carousels, along with new concessions, expanded seating, and more accessible restrooms. Plans also include relocating and expanding the TSA checkpoint to improve screening efficiency. As demand continues to rise, the additional capacity will be essential to maintaining operational efficiency and supporting future air service expansion.

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About Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport
Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport (ECP) is located less than 30 minutes from Panama City Beach, Panama City, and the beaches of South Walton. Today, with service from American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Southwest Airlines, and United Airlines, ECP provides daily and seasonal nonstop flights to Atlanta (ATL), Austin (AUS), Baltimore (BWI), Boston (BOS), Charlotte (CLT), Chicago (MDW/ORD), Columbus (CMH), Dallas (DAL/DFW), Denver (DEN), Houston (HOU/IAH), Kansas City (MCI), Nashville (BNA), New York City (LGA), St. Louis (STL), Washington DC (DCA), and one-stop service to worldwide destinations. ECP provides Northwest Florida

communities with first-class facilities and was strategically developed for major economic development opportunities. Named a "Best Resort Airport" two years in a row by USA TODAY, ECP is the gateway for visitors seeking Northwest Florida's famous beaches.