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Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport Aviation General Manager Ben DeCosta won the National Forum of Black Public Administrators (NFBPA) National Leadership Award.

The award lauds those who are dedicated to public service and demonstrate high-quality leadership, strong conviction and unwavering courage through challenging times, the airport said. The award was given at the 2009 National Leadership Awards Dinner at the Ronald Reagan Building & International Trade Center in Washington, D.C.

DeCosta became the general manager of Hartsfield-Jackson in June 1998. He is overseeing the airport's \$6 billion-plus Capital Improvement Program, which includes a fifth runway (completed in 2006 and named the most important runway in the world); the Maynard H. Jackson Jr. International Terminal; a consolidated rental car center; upgrades to the existing passenger terminal; and a proposed south gate complex.

The airport employs more than 56,000 people and has a \$23.5 billion economic impact on metro Atlanta.



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