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LEE COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY SENIOR MANAGER ELECTED TO AAAE REGIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FORT MYERS, Fla. (May 28, 2008) – Jeffrey C. Gray, A.A.E., senior contract manager for the Lee County Port Authority, has been elected to the board of directors of the Southeast Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE). He earned his accreditation from AAAE in 2004, and has served as chair of the Southeast Chapter's Scholarship Committee for the last two years.

Gray joined the Lee County Port Authority 19 years ago as an operations agent. He later served as manager of Page Field General Aviation Airport and as aeronautical/technical services manager, responsible for the Port Authority's noise and environmental programs. He currently oversees service and maintenance contracts for the Lee County Port Authority.

The Southeast Chapter is the largest of six regional chapters of AAAE, a professional organization representing thousands of airport executives at public use airports nationwide. The Southeast Chapter has over 500 members representing twelve states as well as Puerto Rico and the Caribbean, and its mission is to advocate professional and financial stability in the administration of airports; promote safety, security, and operational efficiency in the airport industry; and, to foster training and education of aviation students and practitioners through annual scholarships, conferences, and accreditation programs.

Gray graduated from the University of North Dakota Center for Aerospace Sciences. He also holds a private pilot's license and is a member of the Florida Airports Council. Gray resides in Cape Coral, Fla.

In 2007, more than 8 million passengers traveled through Southwest Florida International Airport, making it one of the 50 busiest airports in the nation. No ad valorem (property) taxes are used for airport operation or construction. For more information, log onto www.flylcpa.com.