



**USCTA Annual Conference
July 16-17, 2026
Washington, D.C.
- Draft-**

Wednesday, July 15

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **FCT Partnership: Joint USCTA Policy Board/FAA Meeting**

2:00 – 5:30 p.m. **USCTA Policy Board Meeting**

Thursday, July 16

7:30 a.m. **Registration**

7:30 – 8:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

8:30 – 8:45 a.m. **Opening Remarks**

Brad Van Dam
Senior Vice President for Federal Affairs, AAAE
Executive Director, U.S. Contract Tower Association

Vinicio “Lenny” Llerena, A.A.E, ACE
Executive Director, Victoria Regional Airport
Vice Chair, U.S. Contract Tower Association

Chris Pomeroy, C.M.
Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
Bozeman Yellowstone Int’l Airport
Vice Chair, U.S. Contract Tower Association

8:45 – 9:05 a.m. **Slot Reserved for House and/or Senate Lawmakers**

9:05 – 9:45 a.m. **Regulatory Update: AIP and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Grants**

Jesse Carriger
Acting Director, Office of Airport and Planning
Federal Aviation Administration

9:45 – 10:15 a.m. **Networking Break in Exhibit Area**

10:15 – 11:00 a.m.

FAA Contract Tower Program Update

Tom Draffen
Group Manager
Aviation Weather and Aeronautical Services (AJM-33)
Federal Aviation Administration

Matthew Murphy
WSA NAS Planning Manager
Air Traffic Organization
Federal Aviation Administration

Steve Fernandes
Planning Specialist
Federal Aviation Administration

11:00 – 11:15 a.m.

Rep. Sharice Davids (D-KS)

Member
House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Continuing Push for Airport Priorities: Fiscal Year 2027 Appropriations and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

Paul Doerrer
The Doerrer Group, LLC

Heideh Shahmoradi
Partner, O’Keeffe Shahmoradi Strategies

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Luncheon

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Capitol Hill Visits

5:30 – 7 p.m.

Reception

Friday, July 17

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 8:40 a.m.

Opening Remarks

Vinicio “Lenny” Llerena, A.A.E, ACE
Executive Director, Victoria Regional Airport
Vice Chair, U.S. Contract Tower Association

Chris Pomeroy, C.M.
Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
Bozeman Yellowstone Int’l Airport
Vice Chair, U.S. Contract Tower Association

8:40 – 9:00 a.m.	FAA Update Chris Rocheleau <i>Deputy Administrator</i> Federal Aviation Administration
9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Controller Training Initiatives Chris Wilbanks <i>Vice President, Mission Support Services</i> Air Traffic Organization Federal Aviation Administration <i>Tentative</i>
9:30 – 10:15 a.m.	Contract Tower Insurance Update Regina Carter <i>Senior Vice President, Federal Practice/Construction Services Group</i> Alliant Insurance Sean Kyllonen, CPCU, ARM, AIC <i>Vice President, Account Executive</i> Alliant Insurance Jerry Ruth <i>Senior Vice President, Aviation and Aerospace Practice Leader</i> CHUBB-Commercial Insurance
10:15 – 10:45 a.m.	Networking Break in Exhibit Area
10:45 – 11:15 a.m.	FCT Contractors Update David Ritchey <i>Director of Aviation</i> Serco, Inc. DeAnna Dresel <i>Executive Vice President</i> Midwest Air Traffic Control Andrella Kenner <i>President and CEO</i> CI ² Aviation, Inc. Keren McClendon <i>President and CEO</i> Robinson Aviation (RVA), Inc.
11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	New Technology: Airborne Position Reference Tools and Remote Towers Cyriel Kronenburg

Vice President, Airports and ATM
uAvionix

12:00 – 12:10 p.m.

Closing Remarks and Upcoming Events

Brad Van Dam
Senior Vice President for Federal Affairs, AAAE
Executive Director, U.S. Contract Tower Association