



# News Release

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## **Pilots voted, McKinney Air Center at McKinney National Airport earns national recognition as #1**

*Fixed Base Operations voted #1 for fourth year, control tower voted #3 in Pilots' Choice Awards*

McKINNEY, Texas (May 16, 2017) – McKinney Air Center, the fixed based operator (FBO) that provides fuel and other services to aircraft at McKinney National Airport, has been named best in the nation in the 2017 Pilots' Choice Awards by FitPlan.com for the fourth year. The Pilots' Choice awards are voted by pilots and aviation professionals directly using the FBOs and provide the most accurate measure of the services provided.

McKinney Air Center was also named Top Star FBO and Top Regional U.S. FBO in the South Central region. Star award winners are determined using airport arrival data, votes received and on-field competition.

For the second consecutive year, the Pete and Nancy Huff Air Traffic Control Tower at McKinney National Airport was named #3 in the Pilots' Choice Awards. In addition, McKinney National Airport was also ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

The air traffic controllers at McKinney National Airport, who are employed by Robinson Aviation, Inc., compete against all control towers in the United States, including those operated by the Federal Aviation Administration.

“Our entire staff takes great pride in consistently providing unparalleled services at McKinney Air Center and McKinney National Airport. We are honored to once again be acknowledged by our customers,” said Mark Jaraczewski, Director of McKinney Air Center. “These awards show us that pilots notice McKinney places an emphasis on the importance of both the FBO and the airport and the quality of services they receive. McKinney National Airport is rapidly growing as a superior choice for pilots in the DFW region.”

For additional information on McKinney National Airport and McKinney Air Center, visit [www.flytki.com](http://www.flytki.com).

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### **About McKinney**

McKinney, Texas, is unique by nature. As one of the fastest growing cities in America, McKinney has a current population of more than 168,000. The city was #1 on the list of Best Places to Live in America in 2014, published by *Money Magazine*. Established in 1848, the city is located 30 miles north of Dallas and is the county seat of Collin County. McKinney offers award-winning schools, a vibrant historic downtown, diverse housing options, a robust economy and a uniquely beautiful natural setting, with rolling hills and lush trees. Visit the city's website at [www.mckinneytexas.org](http://www.mckinneytexas.org).

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