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**CSSI Employee Brian Colamosca Receives ICAO Laurel Award**  
*Second CSSI Employee to Receive Honor*

**Washington, DC** – CSSI employee Brian Colamosca recently received the esteemed International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Laurel Award for “outstanding contributions” to the work of the Air Navigation Commission in the field of Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum (RVSM).

The ICAO Laurel award is bestowed on any person or group who has made an outstanding contribution to further the safety, regularity and efficiency of international civil aviation through ICAO Air Navigation Commission panels, study groups or worldwide meetings.

ICAO, a specialized agency of the United Nations, was created in 1944 to promote the safe and orderly development of international civil aviation throughout the world. It sets standards and regulations necessary for aviation safety, security, efficiency and regularity, as well as for aviation environmental protection.

“It’s very humbling to receive this award,” said Colamosca, who works at the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) William J. Hughes Technical Center in New Jersey. “When I found out they selected me, I immediately asked for a recount,” he joked.

According to the award, the United States implemented RVSM in early 2005 as a direct result of Colamosca’s work. Concurrently, Colamosca helped officials implement RVSM in Canadian Southern Domestic Airspace and Mexico. RVSM has now been implemented successfully in other major airspaces such as Europe, Australia, the Caribbean and South American Regions, and the remainder of Asia and Pacific Region international airspace.

Also according to the award, Colamosca participated actively in ICAO’s Separation and Airspace Safety Panel-and its forerunner, the Review of the General Concept of Separation Panel.

Most recently, Colamosca led FAA efforts to mentor specialists from the Air Traffic Management Bureau of the General Administration of Civil Aviation of China in the various aspects of safety analysis in preparation for implementation of the RVSM in sovereign Chinese airspace.

Colamosca is the second CSSI employee to win the Laurel Award. Roy Grimes received the award in 2001 and was the second person ever to receive the honor. Grimes received the honor based on his work with the implementation of RVSM, 50 NM lateral separation based on the Required Navigation Performance 10 navigation standard and Extended Overwater Operations for Two-Engine Airplanes.



Since its inception in 1999, only five people—including Colamosca and Grimes—have received the ICAO Laurel Award.

“This is indicative of CSSI’s awesome pool of talent,” said Allen J. Tiedman, CSSI president. “We really have some of the most knowledgeable people in the industry in our ranks.”

In another CSSI-ICAO connection, Ted Thrasher, who worked at CSSI for 15 years in roles of increasing responsibility, recently accepted the post of Environmental Officer for Modeling and Analyses with ICAO.

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***About CSSI.** Founded in 1990 as an air traffic management technical services provider, CSSI is a small, woman-owned business successfully leveraging a unique combination of engineering, information technology, and applied research competencies to provide superior high technology services to government agencies. The company is headquartered in Washington, DC, with offices and/or client co-located sites in several other locations. For more information, visit [www.cssiinc.com](http://www.cssiinc.com).*

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