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**AMAC Applauds Washington Lawmakers for Passing Initiative 1000**

*A Measure That Overturns the State's 20-Year-Old, Voter-Approved Ban on Affirmative Action*

**WASHINGTON, DC (May 2, 2019)** – Airport Minority Advisory Council (AMAC) President & CEO, Krystal J. Brumfield shares a statement on Washington State's Initiative 1000, a measure that overturns the state's 20-year-old, voter-approved ban on affirmative action in the operation of public education, public contracting and public employment.

"April 28, 2019 was a great day for equity and inclusion and fairness in the state of Washington! Initiative 1000 was approved reversing 20 years of I-200 restrictions. I-200 has been a significant barrier for the Port of Seattle to contract with women and minorities. We at AMAC commend lawmakers in Washington for overturning this discriminatory law. AMAC continues to support women and minority businesses across all economies, particularly in the aviation and aerospace industries," Brumfield stated.



*Left to Right: Luis Navarro, Director of Social Responsibility, Port of Seattle; Dawn Hunter, Senior Manager of Airport Dining and Retail, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport; Stephen Metruck, Executive Director, Port of Seattle; Courtney Gregoire, Commissioner, Port of Seattle; Shannetta Griffin, AMAC Conference National Chair / Chief Development Officer, Columbus Regional Airport Authority; Lance Lyttle, Aviation Director, Port of Seattle and Marques Warren, Airport Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Concessionaire / AMAC Northwest Regional Director (Photo by Anthony Harris – 2018)*

AMAC and the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport hosted the 2018 34th Annual Airport Business Diversity Conference: Inspiring Possibilities at the Westin Seattle on August 21 - 24, 2018 in Seattle, WA.



The Port of Seattle's Director of Social Responsibility Luis Navarro and Dawn Hunter, Senior Manager of Sea-Tac International Airport's Dining and Retail, served as the local chairs and hosts for the event. Together, AMAC and Sea-Tac helped create a level playing field by providing various education, advocacy, and networking opportunities that promote diversity and inclusion in airports during the 4-day event and beyond.

**About the Airport Minority Advisory Council (AMAC)**

The Airport Minority Advisory Council (AMAC) is the only national, non-profit trade association dedicated to advance the full participation of minorities and women in employment and contracting opportunities throughout the aviation and aerospace industries. Since 1984, AMAC has been at the forefront of nearly every national policy initiative impacting the participation of disadvantaged businesses in airport contracting. AMAC works consistently with Congress, the federal government, aviation trade associations and others as a resource for information, education, and guidance on business and employment matters. For more information, visit [www.amac-org.com](http://www.amac-org.com).