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**PANTHER EXPANDS, WELCOMES TRANSPORTATION LEADER
Aviation Leader, Mr. William Ashbaker, P.E.**



Tampa, FL – (August 1, 2009) – Panther International LLC, an award winning grant management software company based in Tampa Bay, is proud to welcome Mr. William Ashbaker, P.E. as the Director of Aviation Services.

Mr. Ashbaker is a licensed professional engineer with more than 38 years of aviation and public transit engineering and planning experience in Florida and Michigan. He most recently served the State of Florida's Department of Transportation as the State Aviation Manager for the last 12 years. In this role, he developed and directed the largest state airport capital grant program in the United States.

"We are extremely fortunate to have a professional of Bill's caliber join the Panther team," stated Chase C. Stockon, Panther's CEO and President. "He brings a depth of knowledge of the transportation industry which will enhance our product development and service delivery while helping expand our collaboration and partnerships in the aviation sector."

"In my new role, I look forward to working with our management team to further propel Panther's vision and drive value for clients," said Mr. Ashbaker. "I have been impressed with the business and market position that the Panther team have established, and I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work alongside them as we advance Panther to its next phase."

In an earlier role in the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Bill managed multimodal planning and was responsible for the state plans for public transit, aviation, and rail. Prior to joining the FDOT, Bill worked as an urban transportation manager with

the Michigan Department of Transportation where he managed preliminary engineering for a proposed subway and the southeast Michigan commuter rail system.

Mr. Ashbaker graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from Washington University in St. Louis.

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