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### **Commission To Present Good Government Award To Louis Miller**

Hillsborough County Commissioners will award their 2006 Ellsworth G. Simmons Good Government Award to Louis Miller, the Executive Director of the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority, on Wednesday, April 19. The presentation will be made at the beginning of the Commission's regular board meeting at 9 a.m. in the 2nd Floor Boardroom, County Center, 601 E. Kennedy Blvd., downtown Tampa.

County Commissioners created the Ellsworth G. Simmons Good Government Award in 1996 to annually honor an individual or group who has played a significant role in improving government through leadership and vision. Simmons was a respected government and civic leader who served seven years on the School Board and 21 years on the County Commission. His involvement in such initiatives as the University of South Florida, Tampa International Airport and University Community Hospital helped transform Hillsborough County from a rural county into a major urban center.

Past recipients of the Good Government Award include the late Nettie M. Draughton, Plant City's longtime city manager; Plant City attorney James L. Redman; State Senator Tom Lee; former State Senator Malcolm Beard; the environmental activist group Save Our Bays, Air and Canals (SOBAC); former City of Tampa Mayor Dick Greco; and the late H.L. Culbreath. H. Lee Moffitt was recognized last year.

Miller, this year's recipient, has been the Executive Director of the Aviation Authority since 1996. As Executive Director, he is the Chief Executive Officer for Tampa International Airport, and three other local general aviation airports - Peter O. Knight, Plant City, and Vandenberg Airports. He is active in the community, serving on the boards of the Tampa Bay Convention & Visitors Bureau, Tampa Bay Partnership, the Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce, the Policy Committee of the Committee of One Hundred, and as past president of the Westshore Alliance. He also serves as an elected board member of Airports Council International, which is an international organization of airport operators.

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Hillsborough County Commissioners presenting Louis E. Miller with the 2006 Ellsworth G. Simmons Good Government Award. (L to R) Adam Sharpe, Thomas Scott, Louis Miller, Ken Hagan, Kathy Castor, Brian Blair and Jim Norman.