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### **BRADLEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT RECOGNIZED IN USA TODAY 10BEST READERS' CHOICE AWARDS Named a top ten "Best Small Airport" in the nation**

**Windsor Locks, CT – February 12, 2021** – The Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) is pleased to announce that *USA Today* has named Bradley International Airport a winner in its 2021 10Best Readers' Choice travel contest in the "Best Small Airport" category. Bradley International Airport placed seventh out of fifteen airports that were selected by industry experts as the best across the nation.

"We are thrilled to be recognized by our passengers and industry experts as being among the best of the best," said Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E., Executive Director of the CAA. "I believe this speaks volumes of our entire airport community's commitment to our passengers and providing an exceptional customer experience even amidst some of the most challenging times in our industry."

In response to COVID-19, the CAA has continued to enhance services at Bradley International Airport over the past year aimed at providing a safe, clean and comfortable travel experience. More information about the safety measures undertaken and what travelers can expect can be found at [www.bdlcares.com](http://www.bdlcares.com). This award adds to the list of recognition throughout the pandemic highlighting the proactive approach of passenger safety and customer service.

On its website, *USA Today* noted that Bradley International Airport "ranks as the second-busiest airport after Boston Logan, yet it remains a convenient option with on-site parking, lots of charging stations, free WiFi and proximity to both New York and Boston."

Bradley International Airport was chosen by a panel of industry experts for inclusion in the Best Small Airport contest with *USA Today*, which was followed by four weeks of

public voting nationwide. The full results of the contest can be found on the *USA Today* website: <https://www.10best.com/awards/travel/best-small-airport-2020/>

This is Bradley International Airport's second national recognition within the year, after also placing as a top ten airport in the 2020 *Condé Nast Traveler* Readers' Choice survey.

Recently, the airport also received prestigious health accreditation from Airports Council International (ACI) World in recognition of the airport's safety program, which benchmarks the airport's COVID-19 response against other airports and industry standards.

### **About USA TODAY**

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### **About Bradley International Airport**

[BDL Cares](#) about your safety. In response to COVID-19, the airport has implemented new precautions, and was one of first airports in the nation to open an in-terminal COVID-19 testing site. Recently, the airport's efforts were recognized with a health accreditation from Airports Council International (ACI) World. Bradley International Airport is the second-largest airport in New England. The award-winning airport is operated by the Connecticut Airport Authority, and its operations are entirely self-funded. The airport contributes nearly \$3.6 billion to the regional economy. For more info, visit [www.flybdl.org](http://www.flybdl.org).

### **About The Connecticut Airport Authority**

The CAA was established in 2011 to develop, improve, and operate Bradley International Airport and the state's five general aviation airports (Danielson, Groton-New London, Hartford-Brainard, Waterbury-Oxford, and Windham). The CAA Board consists of 11 members with a broad spectrum of experience in aviation-related and other industries, as well as government. The goal of the CAA is to make Connecticut's airports more attractive to new airlines, bring in new routes, and support Connecticut's overall economic development and growth strategy.

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