

## AvTurf and ACT Global Launch Aviation Turf Partnership

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**Patented technology provides airport ground safety enhancements and erosion control**



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Synthetic turf has been around for decades to provide maintenance, environmental and durability alternatives to natural grass. As the technology has improved, the number of applications for synthetic turf has also increased.

The latest use for artificial turf has been developed by aviation surface technology experts AvTurf LLC. AvTurf has developed and patented an artificial turf system that solves many of the challenges of airport managers. The AvTurf system can replace the natural turf groundcover at an airport to control erosion issues, significantly reduce the debris-causing effects of jet blast, deter birds and animals, and stabilize runway/taxiway shoulders and infield islands. It also enhances visibility to pilots on approach, reduces maintenance needs in safety areas, and provides stable areas for emergency response vehicles to drive through the turf and directly to a situation.

AvTurf's Vice President of Sales and Operations Daniel McSwain comments, "We are very pleased to have entered into this exclusive strategic alliance with ACT Global Sports. They are a leading artificial grass manufacturer with an excellent reputation for integrity and technical expertise. ACT Global is also known to have some of the highest quality standards in the industry. When installing the system in an airport, durability and safety during jet blast is of utmost importance. ACT Global's ability to market, manufacture and execute large scale projects around the world is extremely attractive for us."

John Baize, Director of ACT Global states, "AvTurf has pioneered an excellent application for synthetic turf. We are impressed by their patent portfolio, unique system design and installation technology. This combination along with our manufacturing strength and network of global distribution partners will enable a tremendous growth opportunity. With backgrounds in aviation, airport security and the military, the AvTurf team demands the highest level of safety and quality. We appreciate their trust in us to deliver this."

The AvTurf system technology is already a proven success. AvTurf and ACT Global are working together on important airport projects at Boston Logan International (BOS) and Baltimore Washington Thurgood Marshall International Airport (BWI). There are also multiple AvTurf installations around the world and the United States Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has received numerous support and test data from AvTurf. In fact, the FAA confirmed and cited that, "the main reason for the use of artificial turf instead of natural turf is to mitigate soil erosion, which creates potentially damaging debris. Secondary considerations for use of artificial turf were found to be abatement of turf management/low maintenance, wildlife control, and visual enhancement."

ACT Global Sports is headquartered in Austin, Texas with manufacturing locations in Calhoun, Georgia, Asia and Europe. It services its international clients through offices in The Netherlands, Cyprus, China, Poland, Thailand, UK and France. Local sales and support is offered through an expanding partner network of leading contractors in over 50 countries.

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