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**CVG named Best Regional Airport in North America by Skytrax**

*Award announced at the 2026 World Airport Awards ceremony at PTE World in London, England*

*CVG only airport to bring six innovation partners to PTE World (Passenger Terminal EXPO)*

**Erlanger, Ky. (March 18, 2026)** — Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport (CVG) has been named the Best Regional Airport in North America at the 2026 [World Airport Awards](#) celebration, presented by London, England-based aviation rating organization Skytrax.

The Skytrax World Airport Awards are widely regarded as the most prestigious recognition in the airport industry, with rankings based on passenger satisfaction surveys completed by consumers representing more than 100 nationalities across more than 565 airports worldwide. The survey evaluates 39 points of service, from check-in and security to concessions, facilities, and gate experiences. They are conducted independently, without airport input or influence. This year's recognition marks CVG's return to the top position after two years as a top 5 airport in the regional category.



Kristin Rice and Brian Cobb, CVG

"Passengers appreciate an airport that feels straightforward, comfortable and well managed," said Edward Plaisted, CEO of Skytrax. "Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky has strengthened its standing in the regional category, and this result reflects the positive response from travelers to the overall experience it provides."

The award was presented at a ceremony held on March 18 during PTE (Passenger Terminal EXPO) World in London — one of the aviation industry's premier technology and innovation conferences. CVG was the only airport exhibiting at PTE World that brought six partner companies to demonstrate its collaborative approach to passenger-experience innovation. Through its living laboratory model, CVG co-develops and deploys technology solutions in a live airport environment alongside partner companies working on everything from passenger engagement to autonomous ground operations.

"We are honored to receive this recognition from Skytrax, which reflects the dedication of the entire CVG staff and Board team and our business partners who serve our travelers," said Chad Summe, Chair of the Kenton County Airport Board.

"Our focus on the passenger experience is constant, and it runs through everything we do, from the investments we make in our terminal and technology to the partnerships we cultivate with innovative companies. This award is a testament to that work and to the standards our team holds itself to in serving our community and the traveling public," said Larry Krauter, CEO of CVG International Airport.

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**About CVG Airport**

CVG welcomed 9 million travelers in 2025. The airport offers more than 55 nonstop destinations with 14 airlines/tour operators. It is proud to serve two nonstop transatlantic flights: to London via British Airways, and to Paris-CDG through Delta Air Lines. CVG is home to two global air hubs that continue to drive growth: Amazon Air's Hub and DHL Express' Global



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