
Greg Principato

Greg Principato joined ACI-NA as President on July 1, 2005. In this capacity, Principato oversees the leading association of airports and airport-related businesses in North America, which enplane nearly all of the domestic and international airline passenger and cargo traffic on the continent. ACI-NA is the largest of the five worldwide regions of Airports Council International.

Principato's involvement in aviation and transportation infrastructure spans more than twenty-five years. From 1979 to 1986 he worked on transportation issues for Senators J. Bennett Johnson (LA.) and Joseph R. Biden (DE.). After leaving the Senate, he went to work in the administration of Virginia Governor Gerald L. Baliles. The Baliles administration was nationally known for a commitment to transportation infrastructure, a commitment that went well beyond roads to include airports and other modes.

In 1993, as Executive Director of the National Commission to Ensure a Strong Competitive Airline Industry (National Airline Commission), Principato was responsible for the high profile work of a commission composed of 15 leaders from airlines, airports, manufacturers, general aviation, labor and the financial community. The Commission tackled important issues such as air traffic control reform, capacity enhancement, federal funding, international air service rights and foreign investment.

In the years since, Principato has worked on a wide variety of aviation issues including the negotiation of a new air service agreement between the United States and Japan; the development of a new, global, standard for aircraft noise; the negotiation of an agreement between (then) US Air and its pilots; the negotiation of an international airline alliance and a host of other issues. In several instances, he coordinated the development of broad-based coalitions.

A graduate of the University of Notre Dame, Principato earned an M.A. in International Relations from the University of Chicago.