

BUSINESS PARTNER BRIEF

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Director's Message



Greetings! It's springtime, and just like this season's fresh blooms, Long Beach Airport is always evolving with continuous improvements and initiatives designed to enhance the passenger experience, support our business partners and strengthen our role in the community. This month's Business Partner Brief includes many exciting updates. —Cynthia Guidry

Business Partner Spotlight: Kevin Peterson with P2S

We're pleased to shine this month's Business Partner Spotlight on Kevin Peterson, President of P2S. The company, based at Long Beach Airport, specializes in mechanical, electrical and low-voltage technology engineering.

Q: Please tell us a bit about your professional background and role with P2S.

A: I founded P2S with John Sosoka and my identical twin brother, Kent, in March 1991. As President, I not only steer the company's strategic direction but also inspire the team to achieve ambitious goals. With over four decades in electrical engineering, my expertise spans diverse sectors, including waterfront development, industrial facilities, institutions, military installations and commercial enterprises. I am known for my mastery of medium-voltage power distribution systems and my pioneering work in zero-emission shore power systems for port terminals.



I have been internationally recognized for chairing the IEEE P80005 Shore Power Connection working group, which develops joint international standards for shore-to-ship power connections with IEC and ISO. I am an IEEE Fellow who also served as President of the IEEE Industry Applications Society (IAS) in 2004. I have devoted time to improving our community through service as Chair (2025) of the Long Beach Community Foundation, past Chair (2023) of the board of trustees of the Long Beach Ronald McDonald House, past Chair (2021-2023) of the board at the Memorial Medical Center Foundation, past Chair (2017-2020) of the YMCA of Greater Long Beach board of directors and several other charitable endeavors.

I was appointed President and CEO of P2S in July 2005. In 2018, I was named #21 in Glassdoor's Top 50 CEOs in the United States for firms under 1,000 employees. Both Kent and I were featured in "Working for California - Influencing the World" in 2011, honoring 50 graduates from the California State University system over the past 50 years. I also received the Engineering Distinguished Alumni Award from CSU Long Beach in 2013. In 2014, the Long Beach Ronald McDonald House honored Kent and I in their inaugural year of A Few Good Men event for our philanthropic leadership in the community.

Q: Can you talk about P2S's operation at 5000 East Spring Street?

A: Founded in the vibrant heart of Long Beach on March 6, 1991, P2S began its journey in a modest office at the corner of San Antonio and Orange in North Long Beach. By January 1996, we had expanded to our current headquarters at Airport Business Park, marking a pivotal moment in our growth. Today, while P2S proudly boasts six offices along the West Coast, our Long Beach location remains our flagship, housing over 200 talented employees at 5000 E. Spring Street.

P2S is a powerhouse in mechanical, electrical and low-voltage technology engineering, offering a comprehensive suite of services, including feasibility studies, cutting-edge design, meticulous commissioning, expert construction management and innovative energy solutions. Our mission is clear: to empower facility owners and operators to optimize building performance and navigate the complexities of decarbonization strategies. From straightforward retrofits to groundbreaking system designs and monitoring-based commissioning, P2S delivers unparalleled engineering excellence tailored to every client's needs.

Q: What do you enjoy most about having your offices at Long Beach Airport?

A: For over 30 years, our Long Beach office has thrived with its prime location near the bustling Long Beach Airport. This strategic advantage not only makes travel a breeze for our team but also offers a spectacular view of the runways from the upper floors of our office. We've made flying in and out a seamless part of our routine, harnessing every opportunity to stay connected and efficient in serving our clients nationwide.

Q: Do you have any hobbies or other parts about your personal life that you'd like to share?

A: I've been happily married to my fantastic Long Beach-born spouse, Jennifer, for over 37 wonderful years, and we're eagerly anticipating our sixth grandchild! Family is everything to me, and four amazing children and a growing brood of grandchildren keep life exciting. Sports-wise, I'm a die-hard LA Kings hockey fan and love rooting for our LA Dodgers and LA Rams. When it's time to unwind, you can find me hitting the gym, enjoying a round of golf, diving into a game of pickleball, or embracing the tranquility of fly fishing and the thrill of snowmobiling.

LGB Passes FAA Inspection

The new year is off to a great start as Long Beach Airport completed one of the most critical functions for any commercial airport: our annual Part 139 inspection with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). LGB has a strong reputation for excellence in this regard and the FAA inspectors commented that this year's inspection was one of our best. This is a critical evaluation and learning experience, and we are committed to improving our safety operations every day.



Emergency Airlift for Pets

LGB was honored to play a key role in the emergency airlift of more than 100 shelter pets impacted by local wildfires. Greater Good Charities and Southwest Airlines teamed up to operate this special humanitarian flight to Portland. The shelter pets flown on this emergency airlift were in the care of animal shelters in California prior to the fires. To secure their safety and ensure the impacted organizations could serve the needs of their communities, the shelter pets were transferred to organizations in Oregon, allowing local shelters to support more displaced and injured pets from the disaster. This all came together with very short notice, and I want to thank everyone who supported the event and made it a huge success! We were so proud to receive widespread media coverage, on television stations and newspapers, including this article in the OC Register.



Tenant Appreciation This Month

LGB's annual Tenant Appreciation event will take place on Wednesday, March 19. This invite-only event is a special evening to celebrate Airport tenants and business partners, including representatives from commercial airlines, flight schools, FBOs, ground transportation providers and other aviation and non-aviation businesses that make the Long Beach Airport complex and the local economy thrive. Check your inbox for an email invitation from lgbarpt@longbeach.gov or contact 562-570-2678 for more information.

New Space Beach Firm Moves Next to Airport

Space and defense tech startup True Anomaly, a Colorado-based company, is expanding its operations to Southern California with plans to open a 90,000-square-foot factory at our neighboring Douglas Park. I was thrilled to be there for the announcement last month as company officials said they were attracted to the City of Long Beach's reputation for having companies and talent tied to the aerospace industry. The facility in Long Beach will be dedicated to the design, development and manufacturing of new products for the military market, according to True Anomaly CEO Even Rogers. The expansion was covered extensively by local and industry publications, including in the Long Beach Business Journal.



True Anomaly Chief Financial Officer Mark Seidel, right, listens during a broadcast conversation with Mayor Rex Richardson inside Long Beach City Hall. Photo by John Donegan.

Terminal Roadway Improvements Update

Infrastructure work to improve vehicular and passenger flow and create additional enhancements for those with mobility challenges continues to progress. All lanes in the pick-up and drop-off area in front of the Historic Terminal are now open, with rideshare pick-up and drop-off located at the center median. The project is close to completion, and we thank you for your patience. For more project information, visit www.lgbroadimprovements.com.



Scene at the Scene

In what has become a very special tradition, poet Brian Sonia-Wallace returned to LGB on Valentine's Day, composing complimentary love poems on his vintage typewriter for travelers. Brian also joined us back in December to read a custom poem he wrote for LGB's 100th anniversary, which was included in our time capsule. His poems were a delightful surprise for travelers, and we were glad to have a videographer from VisitLB to capture some touching moments, available to watch on our [LGB Instagram feed](#).



We loved hosting Guide Dogs for the Blind and their incredible puppy raisers for a special training session at Long Beach Airport. With the help of TSA and the Long Beach Fire Department, these future guide dogs had the opportunity to gain confidence navigating busy environments, an essential skill for their important work ahead.



We welcomed approximately 15 Boeing employees who visited Long Beach Airport in celebration of Engineers Week in February. They learned about our outstanding in-house engineering team and appreciated the results of our impressive Phase II Terminal Modernization Program.



Noteworthy Media Coverage

Long Beach Airport’s record-breaking passenger numbers in 2024 earned us some noteworthy local and industry media coverage. As an example, [this article](#) in the Los Angeles Business Journal notes how Long Beach was the “biggest percentage gainer in passengers last year” compared to others in the region.

Passenger Traffic Report

Long Beach Airport served 269,452 passengers in January, representing a decrease of 8.4% compared with the same month in 2024.

	Jan 2025	Jan 2024	%	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	%
Passenger Traffic						
Enplanements	134,325	147,303	-8.8%	134,325	147,303	-8.8%
Deplanements	135,127	146,711	-7.9%	135,127	146,711	-7.9%
Total Passenger Traffic	269,452	294,014	-8.4%	269,452	294,014	-8.4%
Total Air Cargo (Tons)	1,229	1,016	21.0%	1,229	1,016	21.0%

Women's History Month

In celebration of Women's History Month, here's a look back at women workers in Long Beach celebrating their accomplishment of completing the two-thousandth C-47 Skytrain assembled at Douglas Aircraft Company in 1943 for the U.S. Army Air Corps. Read more about LGB's history in our [centennial report](#). –Photo courtesy Historical Society of Long Beach



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