Shannetta R. Griffin, P.E., was appointed Associate Administrator of Airports for the Federal Aviation Administration on June 7, 2021, by U.S. President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. and U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg.

Griffin has close to 40 years of experience as a professional engineer and small business advocate within the private and public sectors of the transportation industry with an emphasis on aviation. She is a leader with expertise in operational performance, project engineering and client relationship management.

She leads a team of more than 600 employees around the country and manages an annual budget of \$3.35 billion, which includes an operating budget of about \$112 million. She is responsible for the Airport Improvement Program grants, which total around \$8 billion annually, as well as two major research programs. She is also responsible for administering national airport safety and standards, planning, engineering, environmental processing, financial assistance and compliance programs for more than 3,300 public-use airports nationwide.

Griffin has received numerous professional accolades and awards by transportation and civic organizations to include Woman in Aviation Excellence – Legacy Award by the Airport Minority Advisory Council, Women Who Move the Nation by the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials, Distinguished Alumni by the University of Toledo College of Civil Engineering, Corporate Professional of the Year by the National Forum for Black Public Administrators, Achievement in Business and Industry Award by the Indianapolis Center for Leadership Development and Strathmore Who's Who.

A graduate of the University of Toledo, Griffin was the first African-American woman to graduate from the College of Civil Engineering. She is also a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

She is proud to serve not only as the first African American, but as the first African-American woman to hold the position of Associate Administrator of Airports. Griffin continues to be a trailblazer and model of diversity, equity and inclusion at its best.