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## FAA UPDATES CONTROLLER HIRING PLAN

FAA on Friday released an updated Air Traffic Controller Workforce Plan that outlines the agency's plan to hire more than 11,800 new controllers over the next 10 years.

"The controller workforce plan ensures that FAA will have the right number of controllers in place at the right time to address the controller retirement bubble," said FAA Administrator Marion Blakey. "We are focusing on all aspects of the process, including recruitment, hiring, training and staffing requirements."

As part of the revised plan, FAA will hire 930 controllers by the end of this fiscal year. The plan notes that hiring more than 2,000 controllers over the next two years will allow the agency to replace departing controllers and increase the size of its workforce by more than 200 controllers. The plan also addresses the broader need to hire more than 11,800 controllers over the next 10 years based on the latest attrition and traffic growth modeling done by the agency.

In addition to the hiring schedule, the plan addresses steps FAA is taking to improve the training process for new controllers. It notes that in fiscal year 2005, the agency installed four new high-fidelity tower simulators at the FAA training academy to provide a realistic tower environment. In addition, in March 2005 FAA installed a new high-altitude training lab at the FAA Academy in Oklahoma City and new tower cab simulators at the Chicago O'Hare, Ontario (Calif.) and Miami facilities.

## COLUMBUS NAMED GA GATEWAY TO NATIONAL

TSA has named Port Columbus International as the newest gateway for Reagan Washington National Airport, which will permit certain pre-cleared general aviation operations, including corporate aircraft, charter flights and on-demand operations, to fly directly from Port Columbus to National.

Currently, TSA allows GA flights that meet the criteria of the Reagan National Access Standard Security Program to land at the airport. Aircraft must depart from one of 16 gateway airports, including Columbus, after flight crews have been vetted and passengers screened.

The access program was developed in July 2005 in coordination with other components of DHS, DOT and the Department of Defense. It allows up to 48 GA flights into Reagan National

each day and establishes the security requirements for these flights. These security measures include:

- Advance registration and qualification of operators and crews;
  - TSA inspection of crew and passengers;
  - TSA inspection of property (accessible and checked) and aircraft;
  - Identification checks of passengers by TSA;
  - Submission of passenger and crew manifests 24 hours in advance of flight;
  - Enhanced background checks for all passengers and fingerprint-based criminal history record checks for flight crew;
  - An armed security officer on board each flight, authorized to use force, and
  - All operations subject to cancellation at any time.
- Increases in the national threat level in the Washington, D.C., area or in the vicinity of the gateway airports will require all GA operations into and out of Reagan National to be suspended.

## DELTA CLEARED FOR N.Y.-LONDON ROUTE

Delta said it has received DOT permission to begin selling seats on its planned daily roundtrip flights between New York's Kennedy International and London's Gatwick airports, which begin Nov. 15. The carrier said it will add a second daily roundtrip flight in the market, effective May 1, 2007.

## FAA FINALIZES O'HARE FLIGHT LIMITS

FAA last week issued a rule finalizing slot restrictions at Chicago O'Hare to reduce the problem of persistent flight delays from overscheduling.

The agency emphasized that this rule is intended to be an interim measure only and will be replaced by

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## ANTN TRAINING TOPICS FOR SEPTEMBER

Programs to be released in September on AAAE's ANTNDigicastOnline include developments in burn-through resistance, Movement Area driver training, GA security and a congressional leaders forum.

For information on AAAE's ANTNDigicastOnline, contact Pat Raker at (703) 824-0500, Ext. 125. For information on custom training videos, contact Jim Martin at Ext. 166.



longer term solutions to traffic congestion at the airport. "Such solutions include plans by the city of Chicago to modernize the airport and reduce levels of delay, both in the medium term and long term," FAA said.

The rule includes provisions allowing for the flight limits it imposes to be gradually relaxed and to expire altogether in 2008.

### FRONTIER TO EXPAND MEXICO SERVICE

Frontier said it has received authority from DOT to expand its Mexico service by offering nonstop flights from Kansas City International to Cabo San Lucas, effective Dec. 16. Frontier currently operates service between Kansas City and Cancun and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

### JACKSONVILLE INTERNATIONAL BONDS RATED

Fitch has assigned an underlying A rating to \$130.2 million of Jacksonville Aviation Authority airport revenue bonds series 2006. The rating outlook is stable.

The firm said that the A rating is based, in part, on the stable economy of the Jacksonville air service area, and on Jacksonville International's historically sound financial performance.

Credit concerns include moderate airline concentration in Delta, ongoing capital needs and high recent growth in operating expenses, Fitch said. The firm noted that the majority of funding for the authority's current capital improvement program will come from leveraged PFCs and other non-general airport revenue bond funding sources, including both federal and state grants.

### DELTA SAVES FUEL ON ATLANTA LANDINGS

Delta said it is using a new decision support tool to consume less fuel during landings into Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta during congested periods.

The program, called Attila, communicates directly between Delta's Operations Control Center and Delta cockpits to provide pilots with coordinated speed adjustments, which in turn allows for more evenly spaced landings and less airspace congestion, the carrier said. The program is expected to save as much as \$6 million in fuel costs this year, according to Delta.

### BRITISH AIRWAYS CALLS FOR BAA BREAKUP

British Airways last week called for the U.K. Competition Commission to mandate separate ownership of London Heathrow and Stansted airports, now both owned by BAA.

### IN MEMORIAM

Arven Saunders, A.A.E., president of AAAE in 1965 and a faithful supporter of the AAAE Foundation, died Aug. 20 at his home in San Antonio, Texas.

A memorial service will be scheduled.

The family has requested that no flowers be sent. Condolences may be sent to Louise Saunders, 6520 Buffalo Hills, San Antonio, TX 78256.

BA said the commission should recommend airport regulations that deliver "a better outcome for consumers and airlines. It should also enhance competition in the U.K. airport market and provide an effective framework for future airport growth." In the event of a break-up of BAA, the airline said that there will be a continued need for strong regulation "to protect users against monopoly power, particularly at London Heathrow and London Gatwick."

### RYANAIR SUES U.K. FOR LOST BUSINESS

U.K. carrier Ryanair said Friday that it has sued the U.K. Department of Transport for \$5.6 million for lost business stemming from new security requirements imposed Aug. 10.

The carrier said it will donate the money to charity if its claim is upheld. "The purpose of this claim is to encourage the (department) to restore U.K. airport security to the effective International Air Transport Association norm, and to prevent similar breakdowns at U.K. airports during future security scares by putting in the necessary police and army personnel to carry out the extra security checks whenever the government decides to double or quadruple them again, without notice," the carrier explained.

### CUSTOMS TO ADD FACILITY AT OKLAHOMA CITY

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials broke ground Friday on a new aviation training center at Will Rogers World Airport in Oklahoma City.

The 67,500-square-foot facility is scheduled to open in October 2007. Upon completion, the new facility will be capable of housing additional aircraft and personnel necessary to meet projected increases in CBP training requirements.

### DETROIT METRO WINS AMAC AWARD

The Airport Minority Advisory Council (AMAC) has named the Wayne County (Mich.) Airport Authority as

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the winner of the organization's 2006 Airport Concessions Award for meeting or exceeding its Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program goal for at least two years at Detroit Metro.

In selecting Detroit Metro as the winner, AMAC stated that the airport exceeded industry standards.

The 2006 Airport Concessions Award was based on the authority's DBE goals for 2004 and 2005. In fiscal year 2004, the authority achieved its goal of 19 percent of concession revenues (including car rentals) by DBE companies (\$52.3 million). In fiscal year 2005, the authority more than doubled its goal of 20 percent when the DBE companies reached 41 percent of concession revenues (excluding car rentals) or \$61.9 million.

**AER LINGUS OFFERS A REFRESHER**

Aer Lingus reports that it has added a passenger amenity in response to the new restrictions on carry-on liquids. The carrier is putting half-liter bottles of water on all seats before passengers are boarded. Aer Lingus estimates it is distributing more than 2,200 bottles of water per night on flights departing the U.S.

**LUFTHANSA DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE TO AAAE MEMBERS, FRIENDS**

AAAE is pleased to announce a partnership with Lufthansa Airlines that will provide attractive air fare discounts to AAAE members and friends. The discounts, which will be up to 15 percent, will be available for business and leisure travel worldwide.

For information about this offer, go to [www.aaae.org](http://www.aaae.org) and click on Spotlight.

**NOTAMS**

(Notices To Airport Managers)

Post your Positions Open ad or resume at [www.airportjobsonline.com](http://www.airportjobsonline.com)! Employers: Have resumes of qualified applicants delivered to your e-mail inbox! Jobseekers: Receive e-mail notification of jobs that meet your qualifications! For additional information, contact Holly Ackerman at [holly.ackerman@aaae.org](mailto:holly.ackerman@aaae.org).

**AIRPORT OPERATIONS MANAGER**—Victorville, Calif. Under general direction, organizes, plans, coordinates and directs the day-to-day airside operations of Southern California Logistics Airport. Responsible for continuous compliance with FAR Part 139 and TSR 1542. With regard to the latter, manages or otherwise directs the issuance of ID badges, airport driver's licenses, vehicle registration and oversees the airport's security contract(s). Send all application materials to City of Victorville, Human Resources Dept., 14343 Civic Drive, Victorville, CA 92392, or call to request an application (760) 955-5051. For additional details, visit <http://airportnet.jobcontrolcenter.com/jobdetail.cfm?job=2360752>.

**AIRPORT DIRECTOR**—Yuma, Ariz. Boyden global executive search has been retained by the Yuma County Airport Authority to identify a highly qualified and experienced airport management professional for the position of airport director. Requires in-depth knowledge of federal and state rules and regulations affecting the operation of civil airports; thorough knowledge of airport real estate leasing and contracting practices; air service development and marketing experience; ability to present facts clearly and concisely in oral and written communications in dealing with the authority, with the media and with staff; a proven leadership record; effective listener and negotiator who is able to build consensus; ability to manage sudden change and shifting priorities, and high integrity and demonstrated success in implementing programs. Send all inquiries and application materials to [glee@boyden.com](mailto:glee@boyden.com). For additional details, visit <http://airportnet.jobcontrolcenter.com/jobdetail.cfm?job=2379151>.

**July Airline Traffic Results  
U.S. Scheduled Airline Industry**

	July		Percent Change
	2006	2005	
Domestic			
<b>Passenger Enplanements (000)</b>	<b>43,568</b>	<b>46,876</b>	<b>(7.1)</b>
<b>Revenue Passenger Miles (000)</b>	<b>45,224,250</b>	<b>47,563,113</b>	<b>(4.9)</b>
<b>Available Seat Miles (000)</b>	<b>52,787,994</b>	<b>55,953,490</b>	<b>(5.7)</b>
<b>Load Factor (percent)</b>	<b>85.7</b>	<b>85.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>
International			
<b>Passenger Enplanements (000)</b>	<b>6,720</b>	<b>6,372</b>	<b>5.5</b>
<b>Revenue Passenger Miles (000)</b>	<b>20,553,923</b>	<b>19,329,220</b>	<b>6.3</b>
<b>Available Seat Miles (000)</b>	<b>23,850,655</b>	<b>22,691,069</b>	<b>5.1</b>
<b>Load Factor</b>	<b>86.2</b>	<b>85.2</b>	<b>1.0</b>

Source: Air Transport Association

**AIRPORT FACILITIES MANAGER**—San Antonio, Texas. Responsible for performing professional administrative work and for the planning and direction of all maintenance and repairs at airports operated by the department of aviation and exercises direct supervision over professional, maintenance and trade employees. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, scheduling and supervising programs for the maintenance, repairing and replacing of all specialized equipment related to the function of maintenance divisions; supervising all systems related to the operation and servicing of airfield and buildings, scheduling and conducting facilities inspections; inspecting airport facilities for conformance with FAA safety regulations; closing and reopening airfield facilities when unsafe operational conditions are discovered; planning, developing and implementing effective preventive maintenance programs; planning, coordinating and administering employee safety training; ensuring compliance with FAA regulations, state and local code compliance laws, and participating in the development and administration of the airport's emergency disaster plan. Visit <http://www.sanantonio.gov/hr/managerialjobs.asp> for application instructions.

**AIRPORT OPERATIONS AGENT**—Midland, Texas. Entry-level position at Midland International Airport. Assists the airport operations supervisor with specific airport operations involving airside, landside, security and communications activities of a Part 139 small hub airport. Duties include daily airfield and terminal building inspections to comply with local, state and federal regulations; airport ID badge issuance and fingerprinting; assurance of Part 1542 compliance with access control system; NOTAM issuance; responding to questions and inquiries from the public, airport tenants, airlines and governmental regulatory agencies. Involves shift work, weekends and holidays. Minimum requirements include a B.S. degree in aviation management, business administration or related field and the ability to obtain a Texas class C driver's license. Starting annual salary \$28,560; salary range \$28,560-\$45,864. Resumes accepted until position is filled. City of Midland Administrative Services, P.O. Box 1152, Midland, TX 79702. EOE. For additional details, visit <http://airportnet.jobcontrolcenter.com/jobdetail.cfm?job=2382031>.

**AIRPORT OPERATIONS SPECIALIST**—Aspen/Pitkin County, Colo. Seeking motivated and professional individual with desire to be a strong team player at one of the most challenging and beautiful resort airports in the country. Performs various tasks, including airfield inspections, snow removal, facilities maintenance, aircraft rescue and firefighting and airport certification duties. Application deadline is 5 p.m. Sept. 6. EOE/ADA.

Submit applications to Pitkin County Human Resources, 530 East Main, Suite 202, Aspen, CO 81611, or apply online at [www.aspenpitkin.com/countyjobs](http://www.aspenpitkin.com/countyjobs).

**AIRPORT OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR**—St. Petersburg, Fla. Salary range: \$37,710 - \$58,448. Responsible for coordinating, supervising and monitoring daily operations relating to the maintenance, repair, security and safety of Albert Whitted Airport. Also performs various administrative tasks, including basic accounting, purchasing, statistical analysis and other office related functions. Requires a four-year degree in airport management or related field. Candidates with prior work experience in a related position with a lesser degree will be considered. Must possess a class E, state of Florida driver's license prior to start. May be required to work occasional weekend, night or early morning shifts and available 24 hours if needed. Position closes Sept. 8. Submit resumes to City of St. Petersburg, Employment Div., 14th St. No., 4th Floor, St. Petersburg, FL 33701, or apply online at [www.stpete.org/jobs](http://www.stpete.org/jobs). Office hours: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only between 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For additional details, visit <http://airportnet.jobcontrolcenter.com/jobdetail.cfm?job=2386143>.

**AIRPORT PLANNER**—Nashville, Tenn. HMB Professional Engineers Inc., a leading central Kentucky engineering firm, is seeking an airport planner with three years of experience. Excellent written and verbal communication skills are required, as well as experience using Auto CAD or Microstation. For additional details, visit <http://airportnet.jobcontrolcenter.com/jobdetail.cfm?job=2379242>.

**CHIEF OF MARKETING AND AIR DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**—Cleveland, Ohio. Must be able to comply with TSA 10-year employment background check. Must successfully complete a TSA fingerprint-based criminal history records check. Reporting to the director of port control, is chief marketing officer for the Department of Port Control, which operates Cleveland Hopkins International and Burke Lakefront airports. Develops and oversees marketing and promotions, expanding domestic and international air service and media affairs for the department. Develops and implements short- and long-term initiatives aimed at expanding CLE's position as a primary commercial airport. This effort includes assessing community needs and determining appropriate levels of air service. Negotiates with airlines to secure additional air service, as needed. Represents the city of Cleveland at various conferences and meetings. Submit applications to Madeline Corchado, Personnel Administrator, Department of Port Control, Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, 5300 Riverside Drive Cleveland, OH 44135-3193, (216) 265-6013, fax (216) 265-4850.

# NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS CONFERENCE

November 8-10, 2006 • New Orleans, Louisiana • Mtg. # 061115

**The American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) is pleased to present the First Annual AAEE National Incident Management System (NIMS) Conference.** On February 28, 2003, President Bush issued Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5. HSPD-5 directed the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS provides a consistent nationwide template to enable all government, private-sector, and nongovernmental organizations to work together during domestic incidents. NIMS compliance should be considered and undertaken as a community-wide effort. The benefit of NIMS is most evident at the local level, when a community as a whole prepares for and provides an integrated response to an incident. Incident response organizations (to include local public health, public works, emergency management, fire, emergency medical services, law enforcement, hazardous materials, private sector entities, non-governmental organizations, medical organizations, utilities, and others) must work together to comply with NIMS components, policies, and procedures. Implementation of the NIMS in every tribal and local jurisdiction establishes a baseline capability that once established nationwide, can be used as a foundation upon which more advanced homeland security capabilities can be built. **Source -FEMA**

## WHAT DOES THE CONFERENCE COVER?

**Through expert presentations and interactive activities, participants will learn the basics of NIMS, this conference will cover several topics (subject to change), including:**

- Introduction to the Incident Command System
- The basics of NIMS and NIMS compliance in FY2006.
- How NIMS relates to other national preparedness programs, including the National Preparedness Goal, the National Response Plan, and the National Infrastructure Protection Plan.
- How to apply material from the workshop to preparedness activities at the local level, including how to effectively assess NIMS compliance "back at home."
- Increasing your ability to successfully respond to terrorist attacks or other emergencies by coordinating and maximizing resources and expertise from multiple disciplines.
- Identifying the public information systems available to communicate timely and accurate information to the public during crisis or emergency situations.
- Defining the operating characteristics, interactive management components, and organizational structure of

supporting incident management entities at the federal, state, tribal, regional and local levels as prescribed by the National Response Plan.

- The latest updates on the NIMS Federal Mandates.
- Improving collaboration and streamline inter-agency response.
- Grants and procurement strategies.

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THIS CONFERENCE?

**Attending this conference enables you to learn more about NIMS, and ...**

- Planning and Preparedness—Enhance emergency response preparedness planning and preparation with NIMS guidelines
- Best Practices in Incident Command—Upgrade incident command by adopting best practices from first responders, police, public health agencies, and cargo and port authorities
- Resource Management—Effectively coordinate personnel, equipment and funds to streamline emergency response
- Communications for Incident Command—Improve processes, procedures and systems for communicating with multiple jurisdictions, agencies and the public

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

**All federal, state, local, tribal, private sector and non-governmental personnel with a direct role in emergency management and response must be NIMS and ICS trained. This includes all emergency services related disciplines such as Elected/Appointed Officials, Potential Incident Commanders in all Emergency Services, Hospitals, Law Enforcement, Airport Operations Personnel, Police Chiefs/Sheriffs, Fire Chiefs, City Planners/Managers, and Emergency Response Coordinators.**

All sessions will take place at the Hilton Garden Inn New Orleans French Quarter/Central Business District. Sessions will begin at 8:30 a.m. (registration opens at 8 a.m.) on Wednesday, November 8, and end at 4 p.m. on Friday, November 10. Registration fees include three continental breakfasts, three luncheons, coffee/refreshment breaks, a welcome reception and all course materials. Confirmation of registration will be faxed to all attendees. Dress is business casual. For **further program information, contact Selina Johnson, AAEE**, at (703) 824-0500, Ext. 151, or e-mail [selina.johnson@aaae.org](mailto:selina.johnson@aaae.org). For **further registration information, contact Catherine Pawlowicz, AAEE**, at Ext. 201, or e-mail [catherine.pawlowicz@aaae.org](mailto:catherine.pawlowicz@aaae.org).

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**Hotel reservations**—Rooms are being held at the Hilton Garden Inn New Orleans French Quarter/Central Business District, 821 Gravier Street, New Orleans, LA, 70112, phone (504) 324-6000, fax (504) 324-6307. All attendees will receive a special rate of \$169 single/double occupancy. **Reservations must be made by Friday, October 13, 2006, in order to guarantee this rate.** Reservations made after this date only can be honored on a space available basis. To make your hotel reservations, call the hotel directly at (504) 324-6000, or toll free at (877) 782-9444 and identify yourself as part of the AAAE group.

**Airline reservations**—American Airlines has been selected as the official air carrier for this meeting. Attendees can receive 10% off American's full coach fares or 5% off all other published fares. Rules and restrictions apply. To take advantage of American's special fares, call American Airlines directly at (800) 433-1790 from 6 a.m.-1 a.m. eastern time daily and refer to star file #16N6AP.

**Ground transportation**—The most convenient form of transportation between Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport and the Hilton Garden Inn is via the Airport Shuttle Service, which costs approximately \$13. To get the Airport Shuttle use the courtesy phones in the baggage claim area to call for a shuttle. Airport shuttle takes approximately 45 minutes. Alternately, a taxi ride costs approximately \$28 and takes about 30 minutes from the airport. Avis Rent-A-Car is the official rental car company for this meeting. To make reservations or for further information, please call Avis at (800) 331-1600 and reference J097316.

NOTE: AAAE reserves the right to cancel this program if the number of registrants is insufficient. In this event, we will notify all registrants and refund the registration fee in full. **However, any costs incurred by the registrant, such as hotel cancellation or airline penalties, are the responsibility of the registrant.** Confirmation letters will be faxed to attendees. If you have not received a confirmation letter via fax two business days prior to the meeting, and you enrolled at least 15 days prior to the meeting, please contact the AAAE Meetings Department at (703) 824-0504. Non-receipt of the confirmation letter before the meeting is not justification for seeking a refund.

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Please indicate any special needs to participate and attach a description of your needs.

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## REGISTRATION FEE (in U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank)

(includes three continental breakfasts, three luncheons, coffee/refreshment breaks, a welcome reception and all course materials)

1.  All Attendees ..... \$495

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