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# AIRPORT REPORT

## A LIST OF OUR RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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As 2015 comes to a close, we reflect on our accomplishments to promote common good. The results show that this has been yet another great year for Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport.

Air service expansion is our top goal. For the period ending October 31, 2015, total passengers served increased by 9.4% year-over-year. We have also seen a number of new airlines enter our market while the existing airlines continue to grow by adding new air service. This year, we have achieved an all-time record high of 50 non-stop destinations. We have also hit an all-time high in number of airlines by attracting service by 14 different airlines. The following list highlights the additional air service obtained this year:

### February 2015

- Allegiant Air: New ultra-low cost airline started service to four destinations - Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Columbus-Rickenbacker and Orlando-Sanford

### March 2015

- Southwest Airlines: Started service to San Antonio
- Delta Air Lines: Started seasonal service to Cancun

### May 2015

- Vacation Express: Started seasonal service to Punta Cana
- Branson AirExpress: New airline started service to Branson and seasonal service to Cancun

### June 2015

- Southwest Airlines: Started service to Oakland
- Copa Airlines: New airline started international service to Panama City, Panama
- United Airlines: Started seasonal service to Cancun

### November 2015

- Delta Air Lines: Added additional flight to Detroit
- Spirit Airlines: Started service to Las Vegas
- GLO: New airline that started service to Little Rock and Memphis
- Allegiant Air: Announced service to Pittsburgh starting in February 2016
- Spirit Airlines: Announced service to Los Angeles starting in April 2016

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- GLO: Added non-stop service to Shreveport

Our customer service accomplishments include expansion of our food and beverage options to meet the growing number of passengers. New restaurants include Dook's Place, Flight 504 and Zatarain's Kitchen. Other restaurants have been renovated, including French Market, Wow Wingery, and PJ's Coffee.

As it relates to infrastructure, we completed an Airfield Electrical Rehabilitation Project. This project involved the installation of all new airfield lighting, including LED taxiway edge lights and new runway lighting. The North Terminal Project design was completed. The relocation of the airfield lighting vault from the footprint of the North Terminal was completed in October. Final coordination is underway with the construction manager at-risk in the negotiation of a guaranteed maximum price to construct the North Terminal Project.

Financially, the Airport's total liabilities have decreased by 6.2% over 2010 and our total net position has increased by 9.5% during the same period. Consistent with our business strategy, our non-airline revenues are increasing which reduces our reliance on airline revenues. This allows us to lower costs for airlines thereby increasing opportunities for new airlines to enter the market and air service expansion by existing airlines. This in turn creates more business growth in our region and thus more job opportunities.

As we look ahead to 2016, we remain committed to providing safe and efficient facilities, excellent customer service and more options for travel. Wishing you and yours Happy Holidays from Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport! ✈



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