



## **Armstrong International Reports Record Post-Katrina Passenger Numbers**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE --- March 2, 2011 --- The Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport reported that a post-Katrina record number of passengers flew through Armstrong International in 2010.

The 2010 passenger volume increased 5.1% to 8,153,511 up from 7,787,373 in 2009, exceeding the FAA's national growth projection of 2.8%. Enplaned passengers were 4,073,636, a 4.6% increase over 2009 and deplaned passengers increased 5.3% to 4,071,173. December 2010 monthly passengers totaled 667,513 for a 4.7% increase over December 2009.

Air Carrier flight operations for the year totaled 88,564 operations, compared to 86,857 in 2009 for an increase of 2%. Cargo activity at Armstrong was flat with over 52,600 Metric Tonnes of freight and mail being handled in 2010.

A variety of new nonstop air service destinations and air carriers in 2010 influenced the passenger growth in New Orleans. Air Canada and Westjet both began service to Toronto, Canada. Frontier Airlines returned to New Orleans with service to Denver and Kansas City. AirTran started service to Milwaukee and Southwest started service to Los Angeles and St. Louis.

Preliminary revenue projects for Armstrong International show that the Airport had gross operating revenues of over \$70 Million for an increase in revenues of 8.9% over 2009. The Airport receives no general tax dollars for its operation. All funds are self generated through parking, concessions and air carrier operations.

"Armstrong International Airport continues to show growth above the national average," stated Iftikhar Ahmad, Director of Aviation. "We are pleased with 2010 and looking forward to a strong 2011 as convention and tourism travel continues to rebound with the economy," concluded Ahmad.

Mayor Mitch Landrieu stated, "This is a positive indicator of growth at Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport, and continued recognition of New Orleans as a desirable destination. We have a great city and we will continue to work hard to grow our airport and support the business, convention and leisure visitors to New Orleans."

For further information on Armstrong International Airport, log on to the Airport's web site at [www.flymsy.com](http://www.flymsy.com) or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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