



Armstrong International Reports 2008 Year End Numbers

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE --- February 11, 2009 --- The Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport served 7,944,397 passengers in 2008 or 82% of the all time high of 9,733,179 passengers who used Armstrong International in 2004.

“Armstrong International Airport continues to show growth as the region continues to recover from Hurricane Katrina and the national economy struggles,” stated Sean Hunter, Director of Aviation. “The growth over 2007 was 5.5% and we expect moderate growth of passengers and flights to continue as the region continues to rebuild,” concluded Hunter.

December’s passengers totaled 641,963 or 84% of the 763,162 passengers that used the airport in December 2004 and an increase of 2.0% from December 2007.

Mail and Freight handled at Armstrong was up slightly with 99,569,605 pounds of freight and mail being handled in 2008, a 0.9% increase from 2007.

Air Carrier flight operations for the year totaled 92,989 commercial flight operations, compared to 85,983 in 2007 for an increase of 8.2%.

Southwest Airlines remains the volume leader in New Orleans with 28.4% of the market. Continental captured 13.9% of the market followed by American with 13.1% and Delta with 12.9%. USAirways and United captured 9.2% and 8.9% of the market respectively. Northwest and AirTran each held 4.0% and followed by JetBlue with 3.1% of the market. ExpressJet had 2.1% of the market for 2008, but ceased operations nationwide in September.

For further information on Armstrong International Airport including current flight information, log on to the Airport’s web site at www.flymsy.com.

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