



Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport Awards Two Construction Contracts

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – December 16, 2009 (New Orleans, LA) During today's meeting of the New Orleans Aviation Board meeting, the Board awarded two construction projects signaling the kickoff of the publicly visible portion of the Airport's Capital Improvement Program.

The Board awarded the \$16.8 Million Expansion of Concourse D to McDonnell Group, LLC of Metairie. The Concourse D Expansion will add 6 airline gates to the current 7 gates in an open rotunda style format. The project will include new food and beverage outlets, new retailers and restrooms. "The addition of these gates will allow us to begin the transition of our terminal to the west, providing more modern and efficient facilities for our airline tenants and our passengers," concluded Chairman Packer. The Concourse D was designed by Sizeler Thompson Brown of New Orleans.

The Board also awarded the Interior Terminal Improvements, Phase 1 – Restrooms Construction Contract to Gibbs Construction of New Orleans. This \$4.4 Million contract will rehabilitate and upgrade the terminal restroom facilities including the complete renovation of 12 restrooms and minor renovations to 9 more restrooms. "This is probably one of the most visible projects to the traveling public and we anticipate it will receive a great response from the traveling public as we upgrade these essential facilities," stated NOAB Chairman Daniel F. Packer, Jr. Murray Architects of Destrehan is the designer.

The Airport anticipates issuing the Notice to Proceed to the contractors in early 2010. The restroom project is expected to be completed by the end of 2010 and Concourse D Expansion should be completed by late 2011.

Both of these projects are being funded by Passenger Facility Charges (PFC). PFCs are a user fees that are collected on each enplaned passenger at an airport and are how airports across the country fund non-safety related improvements to their facilities.

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