



## **Taxicab Consolidated Management System RFP Cancelled**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – May 21, 2009 (New Orleans, LA) The New Orleans Aviation Board today announced that it is cancelling the Request for Proposal process for Taxicab Consolidated Management System at the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport. Aviation Board Chairman, Dan Packer, said the Aviation Board and its staff will conduct a comprehensive reassessment of its procurement policies and procedures to make sure that they are in line with current State of Louisiana open meetings and public records laws.

In announcing the cancellation of the Taxicab Consolidated Management System procurement process, Packer pointed out that the Aviation Board had been fully compliant with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) procurement procedures in the taxicab management solicitation and all of the contracts awarded over the past 15 years since the FAA had issued policies. "We will now look closely at whether our procedures comply with newly enacted State law especially in the areas of open meetings and public records," said Chairman Packer

He summarily rejected the allegations that the Aviation Board had shown favoritism in the selection process and had in any way acted unethically. "I am very upset that some media sources have taken inaccurate information in a plaintiff's legal pleadings and treated them as fact. It is not uncommon for disappointed proposers on any procurement process to file suit and work to delay the signing of a contract. In this case, the only thing these plaintiffs have accomplished is to slow down our efforts to provide professional, quality transportation services for our citizens and our visitors. We will make sure we comply with State law and we will continue to work on improving services" said Packer.

Director of Aviation, Sean Hunter, said the Aviation Board will also ask the court to cancel the legal proceedings on the Taxicab Consolidated Management System matter. He said the re-examination of the procedures and policies would begin immediately and that a full report would be made public once the review has been completed.

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