



**NEW ORLEANS AVIATION BOARD NAMES TOP CANDIDATE
FOR DIRECTOR OF AVIATION POSITION**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – February 22, 2010, New Orleans – Today, the New Orleans Aviation Board met in open session and voted to commence negotiations with Iftikhar Ahmad for the Director of Aviation position at Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport.

Ahmad has been the Director of Aviation at Dayton International Airport in Ohio since 2006 and previously served in executive positions in Nashville and Houston. In Dayton, Mr. Ahmad managed over 200 personnel and an operating budget of \$39 Million in revenues and \$36 Million in expenses with a Capital Budget of \$156 Million. Dayton International has approximately 3 Million annual passengers, 10 airlines and 160 daily flight operations.

Armstrong International Airport handles approximately 8 Million passengers annually, 9 passenger and 2 cargo airlines, and 160 daily flight operations.

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