



Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport to Receive \$12 Million in AIP Grants

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – September 15, 2009 (New Orleans, LA) The New Orleans Aviation Board has learned it will be the recipient of \$12 Million in Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grants for its Terminal Apron Rehabilitation project.

In July, the Board awarded the \$36 Million construction project to JB James Construction LLC of Baton Rouge with approval to proceed with Phase 1 of the project. At the August 2009 meeting of the New Orleans Aviation Board, the Board ratified acceptance of a \$7 Million grant and has now learned that it will receive an additional \$5 Million in AIP funds for a total of \$12 Million for Phase 1 of its Apron Rehabilitation Project. This \$12 Million in grants is 75% of the base bid plus soft costs with the Airport providing the 25% local match funds for the \$16 Million required for Phase 1 of this project.

The Terminal Airport Rehabilitation project is a critical safety enhancement project. The staff of Armstrong International has been working closely with our FAA Regional Office and the entire Louisiana Congressional Delegation to secure these critical funds to allow this project to move forward.

“We were notified by Congressman Cao and Senator Landrieu's offices about the good news. We very much appreciate their leadership and support, as well as the support of the entire Louisiana Congressional delegation, for all of our FAA grant applications,” stated Dan Packer, Aviation Board Chairman. “We are pleased with the FAA’s response to our requests and their continued support of the modernization of our facilities at Armstrong.” concluded Packer.

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