

## **Airport Planning and Development Staff Reorganize**

### **For immediate release**

**TAMPA, Fla. (January 31, 2000)** - - The Hillsborough County Aviation Authority (HCAA) has reorganized its Planning and Development staff to better define the two separate roles of design development and construction management.

With the Master Plan Update for Tampa International Airport completed and the development program budgeted for the first five-year period (FY2002 - FY2005) to contain over \$300 million in capital projects, it became necessary to reevaluate various departments and responsibilities in order to accomplish these projects.

"This structure provides a better definition of individual responsibilities relating to the Authority's development program," explained Louis E. Miller, HCAA Executive Director. "It also separates the design and construction management for buildings at the Tampa International Airport from the civil \*projects and the projects at the general aviation airports. As a result of these changes, the talented individuals who have been appointed will be in better positions to contribute greatly to the strengthening and growth of the Airport."

The current Director of Facilities Larry L. Smith as been appointed the new Senior Director of Construction Management. Additionally, Louis P. Russo, current Director of Construction moves to this new department as Director of Construction for TPA Facilities Projects.

Smith has 36 years of public service in airport management, construction and operations. He joined the Authority in 1970 as the Director of Facilities. Currently, he is chairman of the World Technical/Safety Committee of the Airports Council International based in Geneva, Switzerland. Additionally, he serves on a variety of aviation related committees.

Russo has been with Authority since February 1998. He brings over 12 years of construction and facilities management experience to his position. The Deputy Director of Facilities Al Illustrato has been promoted to Director of Maintenance. He accepted a facilities manager position with the Authority in February 1989, leaving behind his engineering position of six years with the Long Island Rail Road Company in New York.

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