

Tampa International Airport Awards \$100 million in Security Enhancements

Tampa, Fla. (August 22, 2002) -- The Hillsborough County Aviation Authority is pleased to announce the selection of Beers Skanska, Inc. as the Design/Build firm for security enhancements and related work at Tampa International Airport. The most significant component of the project focuses on an inline baggage system to provide for the integration of explosive detection systems (EDS) to meet the Federal requirement for 100 percent EDS screening of checked baggage. To accomplish all phases of the security enhancements, the total project cost will exceed \$100 million when completed by 2005.

"As a result of new security requirements enacted since September 11th, we have reprioritized the consolidated outbound baggage project contained in the 1999 Master Plan Update for Tampa International Airport," expressed Louis E. Miller, Executive Director. "This project was not scheduled to start until 2010. However, we believe this is the most efficient and safest way to screen the 40,000 bags per day that are checked by our customers and the Authority is willing to commit the resources to make it happen." "We recognize and accept the congressionally mandated date of December 31, 2002, to have 100 percent of all checked luggage screened. We will continue to work with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to provide an interim 'ticket lobby' solution to meet this date. However, the new inline system will be completed in phases and by May of 2003, 28 percent of our customers could use the new hassle-free system, with 65 percent by November of 2003 and over 90 percent by October of 2004."

As soon as the conceptual design is completed, the Aviation Authority staff and its design team will meet with TSA officials to demonstrate how their EDS equipment can be integrated with the new high-speed baggage conveyance system.

Teaming up with Beers is Hellmuth Obata & Kasabaum, Inc.; BNP Associates, Inc.; Automated Drafting Services, Inc.; Apple Design, Inc.; Gartek Engineering Corp.; Howard & Associates Architects; Hughes Associates; Kelly Taaffe Design, Inc.; King Engineering Associates, Inc.; NGI; Nodarse & Associates, Inc.; Scheduling Services of Florida; Siebein Associates, Inc.; TRW, Inc.; Tilden Lobnitz Cooper; URS Corporation; Walter P. Moore & Associates, Inc., and Weidlinger Associates, Inc.

Additional components of the overall project include: modifications to perimeter access gates, administrative space for the TSA, a reconfiguration of public seating due to restricting access to ticketed passengers only to the secure

boarding areas, expansion of security check point areas to improve passenger flows, enclosing vehicle inspection areas, and numerous smaller security related enhancements.

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