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NEWS RELEASE

Tampa International Airport Earns Top Recognition for Second Year -- Achieving Excellence in Efficiency

TAMPA, FL (June 16, 2006) – The Air Transport Research Society (ATRS) presented Tampa International Airport with its 2006 Top North American Airport Efficiency Award and Global Top Efficiency Award among Airports with less than 20 million passengers. Tampa was the 2005 recipient of the ATRS Global Top Efficiency Award.

ATRS benchmarked 135 airports in North America, Europe, and the Asia/Pacific region. The ATRS assigns a task force to measure and compare several important aspects of airport operations. Areas assessed include productivity and efficiency; unit costs and unit competitiveness; financial results and airport charges. **Tampa International Airport's rating indicated that it is 37 percent more efficient than the average North American airport.**

"Being recognized again as one of the most efficient airports in the world is a great honor," stated Louis E. Miller, Executive Director, Tampa International Airport. "Implementing a cost-competitive structure and the highest level of quality are foremost today and for our future development programs."

Being innovative, Tampa International created an airline-airport use and lease agreement in October 1999 for all signatory airlines. The airlines pay fees and charges based on the Aviation Authority's cost of providing facilities and services. Rates and charges are calculated on an annual basis, reviewed and adjusted, if necessary to satisfy all requirements of the Authority's Trust Agreement.

At the end of each fiscal year, the Authority recalculates rates and charges based on audited financial data and a settlement takes place with the signatory airlines. The net revenue sharing component was 19 percent in 2005. During FY05, the Aviation Authority distributed \$8.8 million back to the airlines for revenue sharing.

Tampa International Airport processed a record 18.9 million passengers during FY05, an increase of more than 11.6 percent. Additionally, the Airport boasted the 3rd lowest average one-way airfare nationwide at \$124.00, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation Report, Third Quarter 2005.

Other airports recognized by the ATRS include: Atlanta, Copenhagen, Incheon (Korea) and Hong Kong International Airports. For more details, please visit www.atrsworld.org.

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