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Tampa International Airport earns 2008 IATA Eagle Award

TAMPA, FL (June 2, 2008) – The International Air Transport Association has selected Tampa International Airport for its prestigious 2008 IATA Eagle Award for airports. The award was announced and presented during a special ceremony on June 2, 2008, at the 64th IATA Annual General Meeting and World Air Transport Summit in Istanbul, Turkey.

IATA is an international industry trade group representing 230 airlines, comprising 93 percent of the world's scheduled international air traffic. Additionally, it recognized the outstanding achievements of Airways New Zealand and Incheon International Airport (South Korea) with Eagle Awards.

The award is given to leading airports and air navigation service providers for outstanding performance in customer satisfaction, cost efficiency and continuous improvement. Other factors include strong support and nominations from the airport's airline customers.

"Tampa International Airport is one of the best examples of an airport that consults effectively with its customers. It has delivered results in cost per passenger, rates and charges," Giovanni Bisignani, IATA's Director General and CEO said. Since the late 1990s, the airport has spent more than a billion US dollars in renovations, construction, and capital improvements, while keeping down the average airline cost per departing passenger. This cost per enplaned passenger has decreased steadily from US \$5.32 in 1995 to US \$4.26 in the last two years.

"Receiving the IATA award is a great honor for us. We have a clear understanding of the importance of cost control to the airlines; it is crucial to maintain reasonable rates and charges to all the airlines serving Tampa International. Our main objectives are to balance the cost along with the highest quality of service to all Airport customers," stated Louis E. Miller, Executive Director and CEO, Tampa International Airport.

For decades Tampa International Airport has performed as an integral component of the Tampa Bay area offering scheduled nonstop air service to

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over 71 domestic and international cities with easy connections to every major city in the world. It is situated on the west coast of Florida and only seven miles from downtown Tampa. The Airport has 21 passenger airlines plus five all cargo carriers providing service to the Tampa Bay communities. During 2007, over 19 million arriving and departing passengers traveled through Tampa International Airport.

Previous Eagle Award winners:

Year	Airport	Air Navigation Service Provider
2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vancouver Airport Authority 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DGAC Chile
2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manchester Airport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LFV of Sweden
2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore Brisbane International Airport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AirServices Australia
2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> San Francisco International Airport 	
2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athens International Airport Melbourne Airport Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Airways Corporation of New Zealand Estonian Air Navigation Services The General Civil Aviation Authority of the United Arab Emirates
2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The State of Hawaii Airports System Airport Authority of Hong Kong Cyprus Airports Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore 	
2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAVCANADA
2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manchester Airport plc 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DFS Deutsche Flugsicherung
1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dallas Fort Worth International Airport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AirServices Australia
1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BAA plc 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irish Aviation Authority

For further information about IATA's Eagle Awards
http://www.iata.org/events/agm/eagle_award.htm

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