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## NEWS RELEASE

### **Airport Welcomes New HR Director**

*Previous Hillsborough County HR director George Williams*

TAMPA, FL (July 14, 2011) – The Aviation Authority selected George A. Williams, previous Human Resources Director of Hillsborough County, to operate and oversee the Airport’s HR needs of 573 employees.

Williams became the Human Resources Director for Hillsborough County in December 2003. Previously, he was the Human Resources Director for Lee County, Florida. From his prior experience, he brings to the county leadership achievements in creating dynamic work environments, improving organizational quality and generating high-level organizational productivity. He also has extensive experience and success in producing quality human resource management strategies and processes.

“I am pleased to welcome George Williams. He joins the team and is ready to hit the ground running. He is prepared to work with our Human Resources staff to advance our strategy of developing a winning team that focuses on accountability, leadership, innovation and personal development,” stated Joe Lopano, CEO, Tampa International Airport.

Williams also worked in Human Resources for a hospital group in Florida, has worked with Humana, Inc., and for the City Public Service in San Antonio, Texas. He also served in human relations positions as an officer in the United States Air Force and with a technology firm in New Jersey.

In addition, he has a bachelor’s degree from East Texas State University. He and his wife, Marcheta, have a blended family of four children and two stepchildren.

The Aviation Authority began in 1945 as an independent special district governed by the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority Act. The act provides the Authority with exclusive jurisdiction, control, supervision, and management over all public airports in Hillsborough County. Although empowered to levy ad valorem property taxes, the Authority has not collected any tax funds since 1973.

Following Florida law, the Authority owns and operates Tampa International Airport and three general aviation airports – Peter O. Knight, Tampa Executive and Plant City.

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Joseph W. Lopano, *Chief Executive Officer*

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