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Airport Sees Award of Wetland Permit as a Result of a Successful Public Process

Anchorage, April 6, 2001 - Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport sees yesterday's award of a wetlands permit by the Corps of Engineers as a milestone of a long, balanced, responsible, and successful public process.

The permit authorizes the development of 245 acres of Airport-owned wetlands for aviation and aviation-related facilities and specifies conditions on the development.

"The international air cargo business is one of Alaska's growth industries," said Governor Tony Knowles. "This permit allows aviation businesses at the Airport to continue to expand their activity and create more jobs for Alaskans."

"We see the award of the 10-year wetlands permit by the Corps as a milestone in a long, balanced, responsible, successful public process", said Morton V. Plumb, Jr., Director of Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport. "We will work closely together with the community, the Corps of Engineers and other federal agencies in the process of implementing the development of these valuable Airport lands".

"Over the last three years the Airport has documented the need for using these lands", stated Airport Director Plumb. "There has been demand for this land for tenant development in the past and we are hopeful that this interest will continue."

"With approval of the wetland permit, work on Airport-owned infrastructure projects, like the general aviation runway safety-area could begin in 2002."

As part of this permit, the Corps approved the use of Klatt Bog as mitigation for the development of the airport lands. On February 6, 2001, the Anchorage Assembly unanimously approved the sale to the Airport of a conservation easement on Heritage Land Bank property at Klatt Bog that will permanently protect the bog from development in exchange for the development on wetlands on the Airport.

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