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Anchorage Airport Opens New Field Maintenance Facility

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(Anchorage)—Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport welcomed the public this morning to the grand opening of its new Field Maintenance Facility (FMF). The 115,755-square-foot facility is the newest addition to the Airport expansion project and is designed to accommodate fleet and personnel growth over the next 20 years.

Anticipated improvements from the existing Field Maintenance Building include a 158% increase in warm storage for heavy equipment, safety improvements, enhanced security, increased productivity, and significant operational and equipment cost savings. The FMF will primarily house heavy equipment, snow graders, and maintenance vehicles, which is especially critical to the reliability and effective use of equipment during the winter months.

“The Airport is pleased with the expanded maintenance capacity of its new facility,” said Airport Director, Mort Plumb. “It not only decreases response time for critical airfield and road maintenance, it also combines several services under one roof, thus centralizing our capabilities and work areas.”

“This facility replaces a seismically deficient and out-of-code, older building,” added Plumb. “Equally important is the improved safety environment. Last year, maintenance vehicles and equipment crossed Postmark Drive approximately 96,000 times. By locating the complex on the secure side of the airport, we have separated large maintenance equipment from the public roadways.”

General features include vehicle and equipment maintenance bays, engine rebuilding facilities, machine and welding shops, petroleum-based product storage, a light duty shop, wash bays, a sign shop and paint booth.

As part of the complex, the Quick Turn Facility (QTF) has 10,000-square-feet of storage for runway sand and another 10,000 for urea. In addition, the QTF has storage for 85,000 gallons of liquid deicing fluid, four pumps with 14,000 gallons of unleaded fuel and 12 pumps providing 20,000 gallons of diesel fuel.

Yearly personnel savings are based on estimated reductions in round trip travel-time and total more than \$93,000. Annual equipment savings are projected at \$827,000. Originally estimated at \$28.3 million, the Field Maintenance Facility came in ahead of schedule and under budget at \$27 million.

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