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Anchorage, AK -- Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport is proud to announce that Sompan "Nit" Reinhardt, Environmental Services Foreman at the Airport, recently received two prestigious awards.

The YWCA Anchorage selected Ms. Reinhardt from approximately 50 nominees as one of ten 2011 Women of Achievement. Ms. Reinhardt is described as a "one person ambassador" by Hilary Morgan, Executive Director of the YWCA. Through the Asian Alaskan Cultural Center, and Wat Dhamma Bhavana Buddhist Center, she assists immigrants in finding housing, employment, and acculturating into the community. In addition, she has organized two ongoing traditional Thai festivals to share the culture of Thailand with the people of Alaska. The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Women of Achievement Awards Ceremony is to be held on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Alaska Performing Arts Center Discovery Theater.

In October, The Asian Alaskan Cultural Center received the Outstanding Arts Organization Award, one of the Mayor's Awards for the Arts. The Mayor's Awards for the Arts are awarded to individuals and organizations in Municipality of Anchorage who have significantly enhanced the artistic culture of our community through their talent, time and support.

Ms. Reinhardt has worked for the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport for over 29 years, beginning in June, 1982. "We are so pleased that Nit has received this well deserved recognition." stated John Parrott, Airport Manager. "She's an amazing asset to the airport, and the community as a whole."

The Alaska International Airport System - comprised of Ted Stevens Anchorage and Fairbanks International Airports - is home to over 30 international and domestic airlines providing passenger and cargo service throughout Alaska, the United States, Europe, and Asia. AIAS is an extraordinary economic engine; serving nearly 6 million passengers per year and accounting for 1 in 8 jobs in Anchorage and 1 in 20 jobs in Fairbanks.

The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) oversees 254 airports, 11 ferries serving 33 communities, 5,700 miles of highway and 660 public facilities throughout the state of Alaska. The mission of ADOT&PF is to "*Get Alaska Moving* through service and infrastructure."

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