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Collin County Regional Airport unveils improvements

McKinney general aviation hub welcomes dignitaries for \$3M expansion project

McKINNEY, Texas (Oct. 13, 2008) – The Collin County Regional Airport will host state and local dignitaries at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Oct. 16 at 2 p.m. to unveil the latest improvements to the general aviation airport. The recently completed projects include a new taxiway, fuel farm expansion, perimeter access road to access the fuel farm and security improvements.

“The Collin County Regional Airport has received approximately \$11.3 million in grant funding in the past year, which aids in expansions and improvement projects like this one. This project as a whole provides infrastructure to accommodate the needs of nearly any business aviation user who uses our airport as home base now or in the future,” said airport Director Ken Wiegand.

Taxiway G marks the third taxiway built in the past four years at the airport. It provides access to roughly 30 acres of airport property that is ready for immediate aviation development. Because it is about 10 inches thick, it can handle up to a Boeing Business Jet.

The expanded fuel farm now has pads for six additional future above ground storage tanks for a total capacity of ten tanks. That increases storage capacity from 87,000-gallons to 237,000-gallons of aviation fuel to accommodate additional demand. This facility features secondary containment for environmental and fire protection, secure access and security cameras.

A newly constructed perimeter road enables fuel trucks to access the fuel farm without driving on a taxiway for improved safety. Perimeter security access controls were constructed to better manage access to the airfield, and a new security camera system has been added.

The complete project cost is approximately \$2.76 million and was paid for by grants from TxDOT Aviation, the McKinney Economic Development Corporation, the Department of Homeland Security and the City of McKinney.