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Airport Debuts Environmentally Friendly Receiving and Distribution Center

Center will help reduce traffic on Harbor Drive, removing 50-75 truck trips each day

SAN DIEGO – November 14, 2012 – San Diego International Airport held a ribbon-cutting ceremony today to celebrate the opening of its new receiving and distribution center (RDC). More than 60 people attended the ceremony, including Airport Authority Board members and business and community leaders.

Located on the north side of the airport, the RDC is a 23,000 square-foot central delivery location for food, beverage, retail and other goods. The RDC will help reduce traffic on surrounding roadways by centralizing all truck deliveries – this will eliminate 50-75 truck trips per day on Harbor Drive. Deliveries will be made to the RDC with access via the north side of the airport; goods will be transported to the terminals via on-airport roadways by Bradford Airport Logistics, the airport's delivery logistics partner.

"We're excited to bring this new facility online," said Thella F. Bowens, President/CEO of San Diego County Regional Airport Authority. "Not only does it bring significant efficiency and security benefits, but it is yet another example of the airport's commitment to sustainability. The RDC will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and water and energy consumption through a number of innovative measures."

The Airport Authority is pursuing Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification from the U.S. Green Build Council for the RDC, which would make it the first LEED Gold-certified receiving and distribution facility in the world.

The RDC's sustainable features include:

- Delivery trucks powered by biodiesel created from recycled cooking oil – as part of the airport's new cooking oil recycling program, waste cooking oil will be recycled by New Leaf Biofuel, a San Diego-based biodiesel company, and used to produce biodiesel. The resulting fuel will be used to power the RDC's delivery vehicles.
- Recycled construction waste – more than 95 percent of construction waste produced by the project was diverted from landfills by being recycled or salvaged.
- Use of recycled materials – when possible and financially feasible, building materials were selected to maximize the use of recycled content and regionally extracted/ manufactured materials – 29 percent of the RDC's building materials are recycled.
- Water-efficient plumbing fixtures – utilizing 40 percent less potable water.

- Drought-tolerant landscaping – requires no permanent irrigation; combined with water-efficient plumbing and other water-saving efforts, this reduces the facility’s overall water consumption by 54 percent.

Funding for the RDC was made possible through a public-private partnership. This innovative model allowed the Airport Authority to acquire essential facilities without using its bonding capacity, as well as build the project more quickly than would have been possible using a traditional public works construction model. This is the first construction project in the airport’s history to utilize a public-private partnership. Project costs for the RDC were approximately \$9.8 million.

The RDC will begin operation on Monday, November 19.

For more information about the RDC, including renderings and images, visit the [online media kit](#).

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AFCO Completes Construction of New Central Receiving and Distribution Center at San Diego International Airport

Aviation Facilities Company, Inc. (AFCO) participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony on November 14, 2012 to celebrate its completion of the Receiving and Distribution Center (RDC) project on behalf of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority (Authority) at the San Diego International Airport.

The RDC is a 23,000 square-foot facility located on the north side of the airport that will serve as a modern, efficient and environmentally friendly central delivery distribution center for all terminal concession operations and is a key component to the Authority's new concession program at the airport. The project will provide significant efficiency and security benefits by centralizing the distribution of food, beverage and other goods at the airport and reduce traffic on surrounding roadways, reducing greenhouse gas emissions. AFCO and the Authority are pursuing Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification from the U.S. Green Build Council for the RDC project, which would make it the first LEED Gold-certified receiving and distribution facility in the world.

The RDC project is the first construction project in the Authority's history to utilize a public-private partnership. This innovative model allowed the Authority to acquire essential facilities without using its bonding capacity, as well as build the project more quickly than would have been possible using a traditional airport public works construction model.

"We are honored and privileged to successfully complete this critical piece of infrastructure on behalf of the Authority," said Chuck Stipancic, President & CEO of AFCO. "Given that this was the Authority's first experience in using the private sector to finance and develop a project at the airport it was especially important to us that the project be a huge success". Thella Bowens, President/CEO of the Authority commented, "we're excited to bring this new facility online and it has been a pleasure working with AFCO on a successful project and we appreciate their collaborative approach in the true spirit of a public-private partnership".

AFCO was awarded the RDC project through a formal RFP process and began construction in March 2012 and completed the work in less than nine months. The \$8.5 million project was financed under a credit-tenant lease structure, where the Authority will lease the facility and pay a fixed rent over a 20-year period.

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LEED Gold certification awarded to airport facility Recognition for Receiving & Distribution Center is a world first

SAN DIEGO – March 11, 2013 – A newly constructed Receiving and Distribution Center (RDC) at San Diego International Airport (SDIA) has received LEED Gold Certification from the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) for its wide range of sustainability features and benefits. LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.

The RDC is the first newly built facility at SDIA to meet this level of environmental distinction and is the first LEED Gold-certified receiving and distribution facility in the world. In 2012, the Authority received LEED Gold certification for the redevelopment of its Facilities Management Building. Gold is the second-highest LEED certification available; only Platinum is higher.

The RDC is a 23,000 square foot facility located on the north side of the airfield which opened in December 2012. It provides a central delivery location for food, beverage, retail and other goods used at the airport.

“This is a signature achievement for the RDC developer and the Airport Authority,” said Thella F. Bowens, President/CEO of the Airport Authority. “We’re committed to incorporating significant sustainable features into each new construction project at SDIA and to working with airport partners to achieve the same level of commitment to sustainable building and operating practices. Recognition such as this helps raise awareness about the importance of utilizing green building principles.”

Some of the RDC’s sustainable elements for which it was recognized include:

- Reducing delivery truck traffic on Harbor Drive by 50-75 trips per day
- Trucks delivering to the terminals are powered by biodiesel created from recycled cooking oil from SDIA food & beverage operators
- Recycled construction waste – more than 95% of construction waste produced by the project was diverted from landfills via recycling or salvaging efforts
- Solar hot water system
- Water-efficient plumbing utilizing 40% less potable water

The U.S.G.B.C. will present the Airport Authority with a plaque proclaiming the achievement of LEED Gold certification for the RDC at the May 2, 2013 public meeting of the Airport Authority Board.

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