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DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION HOSTS BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES INFORMATION WORKSHOP ON JUNE 12

CHICAGO - On Tuesday, June 12, 2007, the Department of Aviation will host a free workshop for parties interested in learning about and participating in new business opportunities at Chicago's O'Hare and Midway International Airports. The event will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Fountain Blue Banquets and Conference Center located at 2300 South Mannheim Road in Des Plaines, Illinois.

"The City of Chicago is committed to promoting local businesses and working with minority- and women-owned companies interested in doing business at Chicago's airports," said Chicago Aviation Commissioner Nuria I. Fernandez. "I encourage all interested businesses to attend the June 12th Airport Business Opportunities Information Workshop."

Attendees will learn about business opportunities for MBE/WBE/DBE/ACDBE businesses at Chicago's airports, including contracts for professional services and maintenance and airport concessions.

Representatives from the City's Departments of Aviation, Procurement Services and Business Affairs and Licensing will be on hand to assist business owners with applications, certification and procedural matters necessary to do business with the City.

There is no cost for this opportunity, but pre-registration is required. To pre-register, please contact James Hankin at (773) 686-3541 or visit www.flychicago.com/doingbusiness/6-12-07Event.shtm.

In November 2006, 650 job seekers participated in the first Chicago Department of Aviation and O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP) Aviation and Construction Industry Job Fair. The Department of Aviation plans to host another Business Opportunities Information Workshop in late summer 2007.

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The Chicago Airport System is self-supporting, using no local or state tax dollars for operations or capital improvements at O'Hare and Midway International airports. Together, Chicago's airports generate more than \$45 billion in annual economic activity and create 540,000 jobs for the region. Please visit www.flychicago.com to learn more about the Chicago Airport System.

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