



Richard M. Daley, Mayor



Rosemarie S. Andolino, Commissioner

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"On behalf of Mayor Richard M. Daley, we thank the FAA for recognizing our priority and commitment to safety and security at Chicago's airports," said Commissioner Rosemarie S. Andolino. "We work diligently with all of our aviation partners to maintain a safe and efficient travel experience for travelers at O'Hare and Midway International Airports."

Hank Krakowski, FAA Chief Operating Officer for Air Traffic Organization, the FAA Runway Safety, O'Hare Airport Traffic Control Tower and FAA Airports Divisions presented the award on April 1, during the 2010 Chicago O'Hare International Airport Construction Safety Summit.

"For these past few years, we've really appreciated the hard-working men and women on the front lines at the Chicago Department of Aviation," stated Sharon Kurywchak, acting FAA Air Traffic Manager at the Chicago O'Hare Air Traffic Control Tower. "They always show a true commitment to continuous improvement and we count on them to support the FAA's mission. This type of trusted partnership helps to make O'Hare the safest and most efficient airport in the world."

The award inscription reads: "To the men and women of the City of Chicago, Department of Aviation, our trusted partners, for your unfailing 'CAN DO' attitude and your commitment to continuous improvement that makes O'Hare Airport the safest and most efficient airport in the works."

Nearly 100 individuals representing International and domestic air carriers, pilot unions, government, industry groups and O'Hare's airport management staff attended the event.

The Summit agenda focused on reviewing events and issues associated with this year's construction activities and discussions of important lessons learned. A comprehensive overview of work planned for the 2010 construction season was also presented.

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The Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) 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 Department of Aviation.

The CDA continues to incorporate and expand sustainable initiatives for airport planning, operations and maintenance, concessions and tenants in accordance with the CDA Sustainable Airport Manual (SAM), released in August 2009. To view case studies, lessons learned and new technologies, and for more information on the SAM, please visit www.airportsgoinggreen.org.

The O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP), introduced by Mayor Richard M. Daley in June 2001, transforms O'Hare's airfield from an outdated system of intersecting runways into a modern parallel runway configuration. The program will reduce overall delays at the Airport by 79 percent, and bad weather delays by 95 percent. It will create 195,000 new jobs and \$18 billion in additional economic activity each year. Please visit www.oharemodernization.org to learn more about the OMP.

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