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## PHL Airport Unveils Capital Development Program Opportunities at Business Forum

**PHILADELPHIA** – Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) CEO Chellie Cameron unveiled anticipated projects of the new Capital Development Program to nearly 500 attendees at the Airport's 2017 Business Opportunity Forum today at the Airport Marriott Hotel.

The Capital Development Program is a multi-million dollar initiative to continue critical improvements and develop new infrastructure at both PHL and Northeast Philadelphia Airport (PNE) and strengthen the Airport's \$15.4 billion annual regional economic impact. The airfield and terminal projects will improve the customer experience, lay the groundwork for future development and capitalize on the role that the Airport plays as a regional economic engine.

The Airport unveiled a new website that was created for the Capital Development Program, which can be accessed at [cdp.phl.org](http://cdp.phl.org). The site will provide timely information on contracting opportunities, project updates and more.

The Forum provided a platform for participants to learn about upcoming design and construction opportunities related to the Capital Development Program and receive an overview of procurement requirements and responsibilities for the Airport. The Forum opened with a Networking Exchange Breakfast, connecting prime contractors and minority firms.

The participants included representatives of large firms and small businesses, and minority-, woman-owned and disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs) interested in learning about opportunities available at the Airport. The event, which culminated the City's Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week activities, included informative workshops and networking opportunities.

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City Commerce Director Harold Epps, American Airlines Vice President of Philadelphia Hub Operations Olympia Colasante and Councilman Kenyatta Johnson also addressed the attendees during the opening session.

“The opportunities for businesses of all sizes at a major airport like ours are substantial and diverse,” Cameron said. “This Forum is ideal for businesses and individuals to learn about PHL’s newly funded capital improvement projects and PHL’s opportunities for small and diverse businesses from project-focused panels. This event is an annual highlight on our calendars and we are pleased that it was scheduled to close the City’s Minority Enterprise Development Week again this year.”

Attendees also had the opportunity to become familiar with the Airport’s Job Portal website, [www.phljobportal.org](http://www.phljobportal.org). The site is a resource for both employers needing to fill positions and individuals seeking employment with the Division of Aviation, Airport concessions, airlines, car rental companies, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and other federal agencies at the Airport.

Philadelphia International Airport is owned and operated by the City of Philadelphia. The Airport is a self-sustaining entity that operates without the use of local tax dollars. It is one of the largest economic engines in Pennsylvania, generating an estimated \$15.4 billion in spending annually and supporting more than 96,300 full-time jobs for the 11-county Philadelphia MSA.