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New Regional Terminal F Opens at Philadelphia International Airport Heralds New Era of Regional Airline Service

Mayor John F. Street, Director of Commerce James J. Cuorato, Director of Aviation Charles J. Isdell, Jr., Stephen M. Wolf, Chairman of US Airways, and other dignitaries celebrated the opening of Regional Terminal F at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, June 19, 2001.

Terminal F is a \$100 million, 185,000 square-foot facility with 38 gates for Regional and Commuter Jets. This world-class facility is spacious, elegant and functional with jet bridges, concessions, ticketing and baggage claim facilities.

In 1998, the City of Philadelphia and US Airways reached an agreement to proceed with the development of a new terminal to accommodate the rapid growth of regional airline service. The terminal officially opened for aircraft operations on June 17, 2001. It is projected to accommodate 3 million passengers by 2010.

Construction of Terminal F provided 1,100 construction jobs and 1,800 permanent jobs.

Mayor John F. Street hailed the opening of the new terminal. "This is a great day for Philadelphia International Airport, the region and the City of Philadelphia," Street said. "I applaud the hard work that made this day possible and I am eagerly anticipating the continued growth of this Airport, which is so vital to our economy and prosperity. I thank Charles Isdell and his staff for their continued hard work to make Philadelphia International Airport one of the best Airports in the country."

Director of Commerce James J. Cuorato stated: "This year has been a spectacular year for Philadelphia International Airport. Recently, the Wall Street Journal named it one of the best Airports in the country—receiving a four-star rating, the highest rating possible. We plan to continue to live up to our reputation."

Director of Aviation Charles J. Isdell, Jr. said: "This is a proud day for Philadelphia International Airport and a proud day for the City. The opening of Terminal F is just another stepping-stone in the continued growth and expansion of the Airport. Next year, we anticipate the opening of the new International Terminal."

Terminal F offers the following features:

- A 185,000 square-foot terminal at ground level with partial 2nd level mezzanine.
- A single terminal building providing both ticketing/check-in and baggage claim.
- 38 gates to accommodate 14 Commuter Turbo-Prop and 24 Regional Jet aircraft.
- A centrally-located bus hub to provide continuous shuttle bus service to other terminals and the SEPTA R-1 Line.
- 10,000 square feet of concession space to accommodate food, beverage, news, gift and retail services.
- A 3,400 space-parking garage scheduled for completion by the end of 2001.

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 \$6 billion in spending to the regional economy and employing a workforce of nearly 20,000. Visit the official Philadelphia International Airport website at www.phl.org