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## Women's Transportation Seminar Recognizes Philadelphia International Airport *Airport receives organization's 2013 Diversity Award*

**PHILADELPHIA** – The Women's Transportation Seminar Philadelphia Chapter has named Philadelphia International Airport the recipient of its 2013 Diversity Award. The Airport was officially recognized at the organization's annual Awards Dinner on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Founded in 1977, the Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) is an international organization dedicated to the professional advancement of women in transportation. The organization has more than 5,000 members – both men and women – and is focused on helping women find opportunity and recognition in the transportation industry through its professional activities, networking opportunities, and access to industry and government leaders.

The Diversity Award is given annually to an individual, group, or organization that has made significant contributions to promoting diversity and inclusion and multi-cultural awareness within their organization, transportation industry, or in a project or activity that supports the goals and mission of WTS. In a congratulatory letter to Airport CEO Mark Gale, the WTS noted that the Airport "has demonstrated continued dedication to our chapter and the transportation industry through your participation in WTS events and support of disadvantaged business enterprises."

"Diversity and inclusion is not only something that is talked about at PHL, it is something that we strive for on a daily basis," Gale said. "We are proud of our successes in reaching out and involving individuals from our diverse City and region to participate in Airport business opportunities, programs, and our workforce. We have been pleased to partner with WTS for many years in a variety of events, and we are proud to share mutual goals and ideals. I want to thank WTS for recognizing the Airport with the Diversity Award and I wish the organization continued success."



Mark Gale, CEO, Philadelphia International Airport; Patti Gibson, of Aurora and WTS Corresponding Secretary; and Barbara Oliver, Philadelphia International 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 \$14.4 billion in spending to the regional economy and accounting for more than 141,000 jobs.