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Airports Authority Reaches Out to Local Businesses

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, which operates Washington Dulles International and Ronald Reagan Washington National Airports, will hold its Annual Business Opportunity Seminar for Local Disadvantaged Enterprises, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, and Minority and Woman-Owned Businesses on **Wednesday, November 9, 2005**.

The Seminar will be held from 1-5:30 pm at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia. Registration will be held from 11:30 am-12:45 pm.

“The Airports Authority has a commitment to partnering with local and disadvantaged businesses in the Metropolitan Region,” said Airports Authority President/CEO, James E. Bennett. “We think this is good business as well as an extension of our community involvement.”

The Seminar will provide information on upcoming contracting opportunities in construction as well as goods and services for the Airports. In addition to information about contracting directly with the Airports Authority, representatives from prime contractors will be available to provide information about their companies and how a contractor may qualify for business opportunities with their firm. Airports Authority Purchasing Representatives will also be available to discuss ongoing contract opportunities with the Authority for suppliers, vendors and service-related companies. An Exhibit Hall will conclude the Seminar.

The program will include information sessions on the 12-18 month forecast of construction, goods and services and concession opportunities coming up at both Airports with emphasis on the Dulles expansion program over the next several years.

The Airports Authority is currently overseeing more than a \$3 billion construction program to build a new runway; an underground airport trains system and new terminal and concourse facilities at Dulles International Airport.

To register for this free Seminar, please log on to the Authority’s website: www.mwaa.com/contracting/bos15.htm or call 703-417-8625.