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Detroit Metropolitan Airport Honored for Sustainable Concessions Practices

*-- Airport Authority & Bradford Logistics win first prize in annual industry awards
program*

DETROIT (Dec. 12, 2011)—Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA) received top honor for two of its industry-leading recycling programs at **Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW)** in the “Best ‘Green’ Concessions Practice or Concept” category of the **2011 Richard A. Griesbach Excellence in Airport Concessions Contest**. The annual contest, conducted by leading industry trade group **Airports Council International-North America (ACI-NA)**, aims to inspire creativity among North American airports and to recognize innovative and outstanding airport concessions.

“The Airport Authority is proud to feature one of North America’s largest and best concessions programs at Detroit Metro Airport, and we’re doubly delighted to accept this recognition for our effort to introduce new, innovative and sustainable business practices throughout our operation,” said **WCAA Interim CEO Thomas Naughton**. “We also recognize the strong contributions of our logistics partner, Bradford Airport Logistics, with whom we are proud to share this award.”

In March 2010, DTW became the first airport to power airport service vehicles with biofuels derived from recycled cooking oil. This innovative practice enables the Airport Authority, with the help of logistics partner **Bradford Airport Logistics**, to recycle waste cooking oil that would otherwise be discarded and reduce its reliance on fossil fuels to power airport service vehicles.

Utilizing specially designed drip-less waste cooking oil retrieval containers, Bradford captures the product from concessionaires’ back-of-house operations and transports it to a temporary holding tank at the centralized receiving and distribution center. Bradford manages the pick-up of the waste cooking oil and contracts for it to be converted into the B-100 bio-fuel. The converted fuel is then returned and placed into the Airport’s storage tanks to be ultimately dispensed as fuel in ground-support vehicles used on the airport. Approximately 50% of the recycled waste cooking oil can be converted to B-100, while the other 50% is used for either animal feed or soap. In total, the Airport collected more than 36,000 gallons of used cooking oil from 23 participating food and beverage vendors last year for reuse.

Also in 2010, Bradford, on behalf of the Airport Authority, began collecting and recycling used cardboard from its concessionaires. This new practice removed more than 144,000 pounds of cardboard from the Airport’s waste stream.

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Earlier this year, **Bradford facility manager Tim Barclay** was named “DTW Safest Employee” for 2011 by the airport community in recognition of his strong leadership of these initiatives, which, in addition to enhancing sustainability, have also made a significant impact on airport safety.

Having welcomed more than 32 million passengers in 2010, **Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW)** is Michigan’s busiest airport and one of the world’s largest air transportation hubs with more than 1,200 flights per day to and from more than 160 destinations on four continents. DTW is home to the world’s sixth-busiest airline hub--and the second-busiest for **Delta**--where the airline operates its primary U.S. transpacific gateway. With two new passenger terminals and six jet runways, DTW is among the most efficient and operationally-capable airports in North America. DTW is operated by **Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA)**, an independent, self-sustaining agency that does not receive any tax dollars to support airport operations.

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