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## **EVENT COMMEMORATING RUNWAY PROJECT'S COMPLETION**

(Spokane, WA) – Spokane International Airport (GEG) will hold a ceremony commemorating the completion of the Runway 3/21 Line of Sight Safety Improvement Project **at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, October 15, 2011.** In celebration of the completion of the \$30 million project, a group of antique Stearman aircraft will perform a low approach over the main Runway with “smoke-on” and then return for a photo on the approach end of Runway 21. The rendezvous area is adjacent to airfield tenant Merlyn Products, 7500 West Park Drive, Spokane, WA 99224. **Members of the media should plan to arrive at 10 a.m.** to ensure proper airfield positioning.

A map is attached and driving instructions are as follows:

- Driving west bound I-90
- At exit 276, take ramp right toward State Patrol / Geiger Field
- At the intersection of Grove Road (off ramp turns into Grove Road) and Geiger Boulevard, drive straight (West) into the “Spokane International Airport Business Park. “ As you enter the Business Park, Grove Road becomes Flightline Boulevard
- Turn right and drive north on Spotted Road
- Turn left onto Merlyn Products’ driveway, which is approximately 100’ north of Park Drive
- Arrive at Merlyn Products (4-bay light blue hangar), 7500 West Park Drive Spokane, WA 99224-5726

The FAA required the LOS project, because the Northeast, or 21 end, of the runway did not meet their design standards. The FAA’s standards require that pilots in the cockpit are able to see a minimum of half the length of the runway from any point on the runway to any other

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point on the runway surface. The issue was corrected by raising the threshold by five feet, two inches to adjust the slope for the first 3,000 feet of the northeast end of the main runway—the Runway 21 end.

Acme Concrete Paving, Inc. of Spokane was awarded the construction contract for Bid Package #2 of the LOS project in the amount of \$20,318,556.61, which includes Washington State Sales Tax, at the Wednesday, February 16, 2011 meeting of the Spokane Airport Board. At its peak, the project employed 125 on-site workers.

The balance of the approximately \$5 million (\$25 million total funding minus \$20 million construction allocation) is applied to the LOS' engineering design, and construction management, as well as the navigation aids' design engineering, and flight checks to commission that equipment.

In an effort to facilitate the work to be completed in 2011, the project was segregated into two bid packages. Bid Package #1 was also awarded to Acme Concrete Paving of Spokane in the amount of \$3,206,119.39, including Washington State Sales Tax, at the Wednesday, July 21,

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2010 meeting of the Spokane Airport Board. Work during this phase of the LOS project was completed from August 2010 through May 2011 included:

- Relocation of approximately 1,250 feet of Perimeter Service Road
- Relocation of the Glycol Storage Facility (air carrier's liquid deicer tanks)
- Construction of the new Regulator Building, which houses the equipment and controls for the airfield's electrical and lighting systems
- Construction of the LOC (Localizer)/ALSF-2 (Approach Lighting System with Sequenced Flashing Lights) Shelter Building (the building will house the alternative power supply for two navigation systems)
- Relocation/replacement of the FAA electrical and Fiber Optic Transmission system (communications) facilities

The balance of the roughly \$1.5 million (\$4.7 million total funding minus \$3.2 million construction allocation) was applied to design, construction management, and the preliminary design for the navigational aids.

Since 2009, including the LOS project, the Airport Board has made airfield investments totaling over \$93,000,000. A summary of those other major initiatives are as follows:

- **Runway 3/21 Extension**  
Total Cost: \$39,700,000  
Peak Employment: 145 workers  
Contractor: Acme Concrete Paving of Spokane  
Project Summary: Extended the main runway by 2,000' and included the pouring of 52,000 cubic yards of concrete, which is the equivalent of 16 Olympic sized swimming pools.
- **Terminal Ramp Construction**  
Total Cost: \$16,300,000  
Peak Employment: 130 both contractors combined  
Contractor: Winkler Concrete and Acme Concrete Paving, both of Spokane  
Project Summary: Replaced the original early 1960s era Portland Cement Concrete

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and expanded the Concourse C apron to allow for additional overnight aircraft parking. The construction area covered 18.5 acres or 805,860 square feet, which is equal in size to 14 football fields. The project involved the pouring of 23,309 cubic yards of concrete or the equivalent of 2,914 truckloads. The demolished concrete from this project was recycled and used as aggregate subbase course material in the LOS project.

- **Associated Painters Hangar**

Total cost: \$7,400,100

Peak employment: 40

Contractor: Garco Construction of Spokane

Project summary: The 41,000 square foot hangar is designed and utilized to simultaneously paint two Boeing 737-900s or one Boeing 757 aircraft.

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