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## **DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION OFFICIALS SHOWCASE \$30 MILLION GENERAL AVIATION FACILITY IN HENDERSON**

The Clark County Department of Aviation is showcasing its \$30 million investment at Henderson Executive Airport on Monday, July 24 at 11:00 a.m. This new general aviation facility, located at 3500 Executive Terminal Drive, Suite 100, has a new control tower and a 24,000-square-foot terminal that provides services and amenities for the high-end customer. In addition, two parallel runways were built to meet the needs of virtually all general aviation aircraft, one of which is the longest general aviation runway in the valley. To celebrate the new opening, the commission chair and Director of Aviation Randall H. Walker will marshall a Citation 525 aircraft and welcome the pilot to the new facility.

In 1996, the Clark County Department of Aviation purchased Sky Harbor as part of an ongoing effort to meet the future aviation needs of Southern Nevada. At that time, the airport had one 5,000-foot runway, a single terminal building, a control tower built in the 1940s salvaged from Nellis Air Force Base, and several hangars with a handful of trailers. The facility's name was changed to Henderson Executive Airport, and work began on expansion plans.

"In 2004, there were 316,000 general aviation operations in the valley, while in 2005 there were 331,000. This demonstrates a five percent increase in general aviation traffic. In total, air traffic is growing but if we can entice pilots to come to Henderson Executive Airport instead of McCarran we will be able to operate more efficiently. Our projected passenger capacity hinges on our ability to attract small aircraft away from McCarran," stated Walker.

The new terminal's amenities include a modern flight planning facility, free Wi-Fi, conference rooms, a pilots' lounge with flat screen satellite television and private dressing rooms and showers.

As the nation's fifth busiest airport, McCarran International is approaching its maximum sustainable capacity of 53 million passengers a year, and airport officials are finding ways to decrease general aviation traffic in order to allow more commercial operations at McCarran. The newly constructed facilities at Henderson Executive Airport are critical to the success of that plan and the Southern Nevada economy since the county's airports operate as an integrated system.

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**Editor's Note: The marshalling of the aircraft to the new terminal building will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. The Media will be allowed shuttle access to the new hangars, ramp area and control tower from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and also from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**

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