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CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON RUNWAY ENHANCEMENT & APRON EXPANSION

Regina International Airport

Regina, SK (June 2, 2011): Regina Airport Authority (RAA) is embarking on a \$16 million runway enhancement and apron expansion project this summer at Regina International Airport. The project was awarded through a competitive process to Graham Construction. Construction is now underway and is expected to be complete by the fall of 2011 (weather permitting).

The Airport will maintain regular operations during construction with no direct impact to passengers. As work on the main runway takes place, the aircraft flight patterns over Regina will change: large aircraft will make more frequent use of the crosswind runway (08/26), running east to west. As a result, there will be an increase in aircraft activity over Regina this summer.

The full-width runway resurfacing of both the main runway (13/31) and the cross-wind runway (08/26) will provide approximately 15 more years of runway life. The apron expansion will increase the area for aircraft parking space, which will accommodate additional aircraft and ease apron congestion. Also included in this project is the addition of runway end safety areas (RESAs) to enhance safety margins for takeoffs and landings, and to anticipate future impending regulations in the aviation industry.

Regina Airport Authority (RAA), a non-profit community organization that receives no funding from any level of government, generates the income needed to manage and maintain the Airport asset. The funding for this \$16 million project will be provided through the Airport Improvement Fee (AIF). Currently set at \$15 per enplaned passenger, the AIF is used solely to reinvest in airport infrastructure and associated capital projects.

Jim Hunter, RAA's Chief Executive Officer, highlights the importance of the project: "The runway enhancement and apron expansion project, which will add 15 plus years of useful life to this community asset, is part of the Airport's commitment to maintaining our infrastructure to meet current requirements and potential future growth". Hunter goes on to say, "RAA's ongoing investment in Airport infrastructure, teamed with engagement of Airport stakeholders, will ensure that the Regina International Airport thrives for years to come."

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